

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
Norfolk Division

BASF PLANT SCIENCE, LP,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND  
INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH  
ORGANISATION,

Defendant.

COMMONWEALTH SCIENTIFIC AND  
INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH  
ORGANISATION, GRAINS RESEARCH  
AND DEVELOPMENT CORP., AND  
NUSEED PTY LTD.,

Plaintiff-Counterclaimants,

v.

BASF PLANT SCIENCE, LP, and  
CARGILL, INC.,

Defendants-Counterdefendants.

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United States District Judge, and a jury

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1 (Proceedings commenced at 10:23 a.m.)

2 THE COURT: All right. I believe we're at the  
3 beginning of the opponents' case on damages?

4 MR. DILLON: We are, Your Honor. And the proponents  
5 call Dr. Dmitry Gromov.

6 (The clerk administered the oath.)

7 THE COURT: All right you may proceed.

8 DMITRY GROMOV, called by Cargill, having been first  
9 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MR. DILLON:

12 Q. Would you please introduce yourself to the Court.

13 A. Good morning, Your Honor. My name is Dmitry Gromov.

14 Q. And where do you work?

15 A. I work for Cargill.

16 Q. What is your job?

17 A. I am the program lead -- program manager for Latitude.

18 Q. As the program manager for Latitude, are you familiar  
19 with whether or not Cargill has sold Latitude?

20 A. Yes, I am.

21 Q. Are you familiar with Cargill's investments in Latitude?

22 A. Yes, I am.

23 Q. Are you aware of the financial terms between Cargill and  
24 BASF?

25 A. Yes, I am.

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1 Q. Are you responsible for Cargill's financial projections  
2 for the sale of Latitude?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Before addressing these topics, let's briefly go over  
5 your background and let the Court know how you came to become  
6 the program manager for Latitude.

7 Would you please describe briefly your educational  
8 background.

9 A. I have a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from the  
10 University of Wisconsin, as well as an MBA from MIT majoring  
11 in financial management.

12 Q. So you have degrees in both economic and technical  
13 fields?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. Where did you work before joining Cargill?

16 A. I had a variety of technical and commercial jobs in the  
17 petrochemical industry.

18 Q. When did you join Cargill?

19 A. In 2004.

20 Q. When did you become the program manager for the Latitude  
21 program?

22 A. About 2013.

23 Q. Would you briefly describe for the Court your experience  
24 at Cargill before you became the Latitude program manager.

25 A. I had a variety of technical and commercial jobs, always

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1 aimed at creating new businesses.

2 Q. And what are your responsibilities as the Latitude  
3 program manager?

4 A. I'm responsible for making plans and making sure that  
5 those plans are executed.

6 Q. How did your prior educational experience and work  
7 experience help you with regards to executing your  
8 responsibilities as the Latitude program manager?

9 A. Latitude is a complicated program spanning both technical  
10 and commercial areas, and my past experience, both  
11 educational and professional, really serve me well in that  
12 role.

13 Q. I'm going to turn to some questions related to the sales  
14 activity related to Latitude.

15 Have there been any sales of Latitude to date?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Has Cargill made any offers to sell Latitude?

18 A. No.

19 Q. If a potential customer wanted to purchase Latitude, does  
20 Cargill have Latitude oil that it could sell to that  
21 customer?

22 A. No.

23 Q. When will Cargill first create or manufacture the  
24 Latitude oil that it would sell to customers?

25 A. The earliest we expect to have the oil is either very

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1 late 2020 or very clearly 2021.

2 Q. Can Cargill sell Latitude in the United States today?

3 A. No, we cannot.

4 Q. Why is that?

5 A. We do not have the FDA deregulation.

6 Q. When do you expect to have FDA deregulation?

7 A. We hope to achieve FDA deregulation in the first quarter  
8 of 2020.

9 Q. Does Cargill plan to offer a canola omega-3 product for  
10 human consumption?

11 A. We currently do not have any plans to offer it into the  
12 direct human consumption segment.

13 Q. So what is the target market for Latitude?

14 A. Currently it's exclusively aquafeed.

15 Q. Does Cargill plan to offer LFK Kumily for sale?

16 A. No.

17 Q. How does Cargill use LFK Kumily?

18 A. Use it a couple of different ways. First of all,  
19 obviously, LFK Kumily was the donor of the elite event that  
20 we used to put in Cargill parent lines. We also grow --  
21 we've grown LFK as a benchmark crop in the fields.

22 THE COURT: What does that mean, benchmark?

23 THE WITNESS: Meaning the benchmark is something  
24 that you know how it would behave because you observed the  
25 crop for several years, and when you grow a new crop, you

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1 want to compare it to something. And because in the field no  
2 two years are the same, it's hard to make comparison between  
3 the years. You always have to make a comparison to something  
4 that you know well in a particular year, in a particular  
5 field. That's the only meaningful way of comparing and  
6 measuring what you've created as a new crop. If it makes  
7 sense, Your Honor.

8 BY MR. DILLON:

9 Q. What have you compared it to? So you said you used LFK  
10 as a benchmark. What were you benchmarking against LFK  
11 Kumily?

12 A. Omega-3 content.

13 Q. But were there specific plants or hybrids that you were  
14 using the LFK Kumily as a benchmark for?

15 A. Cargill has developed two hybrids, which are the plants  
16 that carry the elite event from LFK Kumily in the Cargill  
17 background, in the Cargill host canola plant. So those are  
18 the two hybrid plants that we use to grow -- we grow them,  
19 and we measure the performance against Kumily.

20 Q. Does Cargill have plan to use LFK Kumily in the future?

21 A. We do not.

22 Q. We heard a little bit from Mr. Horton about the field  
23 trials that Cargill has conducted in Montana. Do you know  
24 what Cargill did with the seeds from those field trials?

25 A. Yes, I do.



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1 Q. What did Cargill do with the seeds that were harvested in  
2 2018 and 2019?

3 A. A portion of that seed -- actually, the largest portion  
4 is still in Montana in storage. A portion was transferred to  
5 our Fort Collins, Colorado facility for R&D purposes, and the  
6 portion of what has been transferred was turned into oil.

7 THE COURT: Was what?

8 THE WITNESS: It was turned into oil, Your Honor.  
9 We extracted the oil from a portion of those seeds.

10 BY MR. DILLON:

11 Q. And what did you do with the oil in Fort Collins?

12 A. It was used for R&D purposes. It was used for process  
13 development purposes, meaning that to develop a process  
14 itself of extracting the oil, as well as to on two occasions  
15 the oil was sent to other R&D facilities.

16 Q. And what were those R&D facilities that you send the oil  
17 to?

18 A. We sent a sample of the oil to BASF facility in Norway.  
19 That facility engages in refining and concentrating fish oil.  
20 The other sample went to the University of Idaho, and there  
21 it's going to be used to make feed for freshwater trout.

22 Q. Did you receive any money from BASF or the University of  
23 Idaho?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Has any oil from the 2018 or 2019 harvests been sold?

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1 A. No.

2 Q. All right. Dr. Gromov, we're going to change subjects  
3 and talk a little bit about the BASF/Cargill commercial  
4 arrangement. Are you familiar with that?

5 A. Yes, I am.

6 Q. If I could ask you in your binder you have in front of  
7 you to turn to the tab that's marked JX-59, please.

8 And, Your Honor, this has already been admitted into  
9 evidence. May I proceed, Your Honor?

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 BY MR. DILLON:

12 Q. Are you familiar with this document?

13 A. Yes, I am.

14 Q. And what is it?

15 A. This is a commercialization agreement between -- or  
16 development agreement between Cargill and BASF.

17 THE COURT: This is a modification or this is --

18 MR. DILLON: This, Your Honor, is the first  
19 amendment to the commercialization agreement.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 BY MR. DILLON:

22 Q. Under the terms of this agreement, Dr. Gromov, when must  
23 Cargill pay BASF related to its sales of Latitude?

24 A. We will start paying BASF the year the project -- program  
25 Latitude turns positive in the earnings. Until then, there

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1 will be no payments.

2 Q. Do you have a name for those payments?

3 A. We call them profit share payments.

4 Q. If you could turn to Section 8.2, which is at the Bates  
5 range ending 905, and it's on the screen. It's been  
6 highlighted if it's a little easier to read.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do you recognize this section?

9 A. Yes, I do.

10 Q. What is this?

11 A. This section specifies the payment that Cargill will be  
12 making to BASF.

13 Q. Okay. Could you read the first sentence, please.

14 A. "Cargill shall pay BASF 40 percent of all positive  
15 product EBIT in United States dollars."

16 Q. What is E-B-I-T?

17 A. E-B-I-T or EBIT is a commonly used abbreviation for  
18 profit measure. It stands for earnings before interest and  
19 taxes, meaning that's the profit that is available to you  
20 before you've paid taxes to the government and interest to  
21 your bankers.

22 Q. When does Cargill anticipate making its first profit  
23 share payment to BASF related to Latitude oil?

24 A. We anticipate to make the first payment in 2023.

25 Q. And why won't you make a payment before 2023?

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1 A. We do not expect to turn profit until 2023.

2 Q. Why do you not expect to make a profit before 2023?

3 A. For a couple of reasons. First of all, while we're  
4 gaining the scale, while we're too small, it's hard to make  
5 money. So that's going to hold us back as we get bigger.  
6 The other reason is that by 2023, we expect that our second  
7 generation product is going to be produced.

8 Q. What is that second generation product?

9 A. You may have heard of Project Boost. That refers to the  
10 result of that project.

11 Q. And I'm not sure the Court has heard enough about Project  
12 Boost. So could you explain briefly what Project Boost is  
13 and why there's a difference between Generation I and  
14 Generation II of Latitude?

15 A. As you put elite event into various parent line  
16 backgrounds, what you observe is that sometimes there is  
17 actually an increase in expression level for omega-3. And so  
18 you want to target those types of parent lines. As a result,  
19 if you're smart about choosing those hosts for the event, you  
20 end up with a plant that actually produces much more omega-3  
21 than you started with.

22 Q. And how much omega-3 does the first generation of  
23 Latitude have?

24 A. We expect to produce about 12 percent omega-3, the first  
25 generation.

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1 Q. And what is your expectation regarding the second  
2 generation?

3 A. We hope to show 18 percent, Your Honor.

4 Q. And when will that occur?

5 A. We believe it will occur in 2023.

6 Q. And is that work that's being done with Boost work that's  
7 being done by Cargill or by BASF?

8 A. All of the Boost work has been done by Cargill.

9 THE COURT: When you say 18 percent, is that DHA or  
10 EPA or both or what?

11 THE WITNESS: We refer to the combined amount. Our  
12 oil is largely EPA, Your Honor, but when we say omega-3, from  
13 now on I refer to the combined value of those two fatty  
14 acids.

15 THE COURT: Why do you have the majority of it in  
16 EPA instead of DHA?

17 THE WITNESS: The pathway that we chose to use gives  
18 us this split between EPA and DHA. While I'm not a  
19 scientist, I believe there is no way of changing that.

20 BY MR. DILLON:

21 Q. Has Project Boost boosted both the EPA and the DHA, or  
22 does it affect one versus the other?

23 A. It boosts all of them approximately in the same manner.  
24 So the sum goes higher, but the relative amounts stay more or  
25 less stable.

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1 THE COURT: What is the relative percentage?

2 THE WITNESS: In the Generation I, we're looking at  
3 about 11 percent EPA and probably 1 percent DHA. I'm  
4 rounding up. Roughly 10 to 1. Rounding up, Your Honor.

5 BY MR. DILLON:

6 Q. Just to back up a moment, we're talking about the 2018  
7 and the 2019 seeds that were used in the field trials.  
8 Although you sent some of that oil to BASF in Norway, did you  
9 make any profit share payments related to the delivery of  
10 that oil?

11 A. We did not.

12 Q. And why is that?

13 A. Those were not sale of the product.

14 Q. Under this BASF/Cargill commercialization agreement, how  
15 is the profit split between BASF and Cargill?

16 A. BASF gets 40 percent of all positive EBIT and Cargill  
17 gets 60 percent of all positive EBIT.

18 Q. Why does Cargill get more of the profit than BASF under  
19 this agreement?

20 A. While I was not part of the initial negotiation, I  
21 believe that that's the result of the arm's length  
22 conversation between BASF and Cargill, and this split  
23 reflects the relative value that both companies bring to the  
24 program.

25 THE COURT: Well, what does the 40 percent here mean

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1 if they're splitting it 60/20? Is that what you said?

2 60/20?

3 THE WITNESS: 60/40, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: 60/40. Okay. But the 40 percent  
5 doesn't start until it becomes profitable?

6 THE WITNESS: That is correct, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: So how many -- I mean, you're assuming  
8 it will be profitable in --

9 THE WITNESS: 2023.

10 THE COURT: -- '23. When do you expect to start  
11 selling it?

12 THE WITNESS: In 2021.

13 THE COURT: So the third year of sales, you expect  
14 it to become profitable?

15 THE WITNESS: We hope that's going to be the  
16 outcome, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: I've seen charts on the projected  
18 profitability. I don't know if those were BASF documents or  
19 Cargill documents.

20 MR. DILLON: Your Honor, we're going to be going  
21 through with Dr. Gromov two of those charts. They're Cargill  
22 documents that he created. One relates to the cost to  
23 manufacture the product, and the other relates to the  
24 projections as to when they'll be selling it and when it  
25 becomes profitable. So we'll be getting to that shortly in

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1 this examination.

2 THE COURT: All right.

3 BY MR. DILLON:

4 Q. Before we turn to that, I'd like for the Court to  
5 understand a little better the 60/40 split. We've heard a  
6 lot in court about the BASF elite event and the genetics  
7 associated with that, but I don't know that we've heard as  
8 much about the Cargill piece. So I want to ask you some  
9 questions now, Dr. Gromov, about the Cargill added value.

10 If you could turn in your binder to what's been  
11 premarked as PX-870. This document is not yet in evidence.  
12 Do you recognize this document, Dr. Gromov?

13 A. I do.

14 Q. What is it?

15 A. It's a PowerPoint presentation.

16 Q. Is this a document that Cargill created and maintains in  
17 the ordinary course of business?

18 A. Yes.

19 MR. DILLON: Your Honor, I move to admit PX-870.

20 MR. SUNG: No objection, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: All right. PX-870 will be admitted.

22 (Exhibit PX-870 received in evidence.)

23 BY MR. DILLON:

24 Q. If we could turn to Page .002, and it's also displayed on  
25 your screen there, Dr. Gromov.



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1 A. I can see it.

2 Q. Are you familiar with this chart?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And briefly could you describe what this chart  
5 represents?

6 A. At the high level, this chart represents the areas of  
7 responsibility that BASF and Cargill take on in program  
8 Latitude.

9 Q. I want to start with the green box that's the farthest to  
10 the left, so right next to the BASF line. Do you see the one  
11 that says "plant breeding"?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. What is plant breeding?

14 A. Plant breeding is a process of combining two parent lines  
15 of a plant, canola in this case, with the hope of producing a  
16 better performing child plant, both hybrid.

17 Q. How does plant breeding add value to Latitude?

18 A. Plant breeding is essential for Latitude. The reason  
19 being is that when you produce a hybrid plant, a child plant,  
20 those plants tend to show better performance in the field,  
21 meaning they yield better. They're more stable year over  
22 year in location to location.

23 As a result, the farmers that you want to work with  
24 are able and willing to do that. If you do not give them a  
25 good plant, they will not come back to you the next year to

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1 grow your crop again.

2 Q. Is yield important to farmers?

3 A. It is probably one of the single most important variable  
4 to the farmer. It's what the crop is going to yield.

5 Q. And does having a hybrid have an impact on the yield?

6 A. Yes, it does. Hybrid plants yield more and they yield  
7 more stable out.

8 Q. And how is yield measured?

9 A. In the canola case, it is measured in something that is  
10 call bushels per acre, which is a measure -- bushel is a  
11 measure of volume. It's about 50 pounds.

12 Q. Earlier you were talking briefly about Project Boost.  
13 Where would Project Boost show up on PX-870.002?

14 A. It would be part of the plant breeding box.

15 Q. How long has Cargill been working on Project Boost?

16 A. We have started as soon as we received the elite event  
17 from BASF.

18 Q. Is the process --

19 THE COURT: I'm sorry.

20 THE WITNESS: We started as soon as we received the  
21 elite event from BASF.

22 BY MR. DILLON:

23 Q. And when was that?

24 A. I believe it was in 2015.

25 Q. Is the process for Project Boost complete?

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1 A. No. Project Boost is a set of ongoing activities. It's  
2 never going to be stopped. So this R&D spin line will always  
3 be present in our financial projections, as you'll see when  
4 we get to those.

5 Q. How does Boost add value to project Latitude?

6 A. The reason Latitude oil is more valuable than regular  
7 canola oil is because it has omega-3 in it.

8 THE COURT: Because it has what?

9 THE WITNESS: It has omega-3 in it, Your Honor. And  
10 in the marketplace, oils with more omega-3 are valued higher  
11 than oils with less omega-3. For example, in oil with 18  
12 percent omega-3, it will be valued higher than the oil with  
13 12 percent omega-3 because that's why people buy these oil  
14 for.

15 BY MR. DILLON:

16 Q. How much omega-3 is in fish oil?

17 A. Fish oils differ in omega-3 content. The best fish oils  
18 can go up to 30 percent. You can always buy fish oils with  
19 as low as 10 or 12 percent omega-3.

20 Q. So how does -- I think with the Generation I you said it  
21 was about 12 percent?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. And Generation II would be about 18 percent?

24 A. That is correct.

25 Q. How does going from Generation I to Generation II

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1     increase the value of Latitude?

2     A.   Each percentage point of omega-3 concentration, content  
3     has a dollar value to it, measured in dollars per metric ton.  
4     What we observe in the marketplace, that value is between \$30  
5     and \$50 per metric ton.   So if you take midpoint, let's say  
6     we take \$40 per metric ton, and then you go from 12 percent  
7     to 18 percent omega-3, you're adding 6 points.   At \$40 you're  
8     adding \$240 to the value of your oil while keeping your  
9     production costs the same, Your Honor.   So that \$250 per  
10    metric ton goes to your profit.

11    Q.   Why do the production costs remain the same?

12    A.   Because you do not do anything different from the -- with  
13    the plant that produces 18 percent oil that you would have  
14    done with a plant that produces 12 percent oil.   The  
15    processes are identical, so, hence, your costs are the same.

16    Q.   Earlier the Court heard a little about the field trials  
17    that Cargill has conducted from Mr. Horton.   Are you familiar  
18    with those field trials?

19    A.   Yes, I am.

20    Q.   All right.   And why does Cargill conduct field trials  
21    related to the Latitude product?

22    A.   As we mentioned before, when you talk to a farmer, asking  
23    him or her to grow a crop for you, the first question they  
24    would have is, well, how much am I going to get out of it?  
25    And the key driver in how much they're going to get out of it

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1 is how many bushels per acre of canola they're going to be  
2 getting.

3           So before you can persuade them to work with you,  
4 you have to persuade them that what you have to offer  
5 actually performs well, which takes the form of writing  
6 multiple field trials, demonstration trials, if you will, in  
7 various locations in the target area and for several years to  
8 make sure that they get a complete picture, because the  
9 weather is unpredictable.

10 Q. Where do these field trials show up on PX-870.002?

11 A. They will be part of plant breeding box.

12 Q. By the way, do farmers care about the percentage of  
13 omega-3 in the seeds?

14 A. They would not. A percentage omega-3 in the seeds, this  
15 is something that Cargill would care about because this is  
16 how we get paid. A farmer gets paid on the bushels per acre.  
17 So in a way, he could care less about how much omega-3 is in  
18 that seed, or, frankly, if there's any omega-3 in the seed.  
19 He just cares about bushel per acre.

20 Q. Who cares about the amount of omega-3 in the seeds?

21 A. Cargill does, and then people, our customers would.  
22 People who buy the oil that comes from those seeds will be  
23 paying more for the oil that has more omega-3. It will be  
24 more valuable.

25 Q. Dr. Gromov, are you familiar with the term "closed-loop

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1 production"?

2 A. Yes, I am.

3 Q. What is closed-loop production?

4 A. A closed-loop production is a way of producing a crop, a  
5 product in agricultural setting, making sure that the whole  
6 process stays separate from the very beginning to the very  
7 end. What I mean by that is, as you produce, you're using  
8 different fields, you're using different silos, you're using  
9 different trucks and rails, and you also process the output  
10 in a certain way in the processing plant.

11 Q. And does Cargill have experience with closed-loop  
12 production?

13 A. It does.

14 Q. And can you give an example of a product that you've  
15 produced with closed-loop production?

16 A. Cargill has been in the business of producing what is  
17 called a high oleic canola for over 20 years. High oleic  
18 canola oil is a type of oil, is a canola oil that's very good  
19 for frying application. So the next time you go and you buy  
20 a French fry, it's very likely that that French fry was done  
21 with high oleic canola oil.

22 And like I mentioned before, Cargill has been in  
23 their business for over 20 years, and I'm thinking maybe even  
24 closer to 25 years at this point.

25 Q. Why does Cargill use closed-loop production with its high

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1     oleic canola oil?

2     A.   Because it wants to keep the final product separate from  
3     the -- from regular canola because it has a different  
4     property, has a different value in the marketplace.  You have  
5     to keep it separate, hence, you have to use the closed-loop  
6     production system.

7     Q.   Do any other companies use closed-loop production for  
8     canola?

9     A.   I'm not aware of anybody who would do it the same way as  
10    Cargill.

11   Q.   If I could ask you to turn to CX-0480.

12   A.   I'm there.

13   Q.   Do you recognize this document?

14   A.   I do.

15   Q.   What is this?

16   A.   It's a PowerPoint slide.

17   Q.   Is this a document that Cargill created and maintains in  
18   the ordinary course of business?

19   A.   Yes.

20           MR. DILLON:  Your Honor, I move to admit PX-0480.

21           THE CLERK:  CX?

22           MR. DILLON:  I'm sorry, CX-0480.

23           THE COURT:  CX, right.

24           MR. SUNG:  No objection, Your Honor.

25           THE COURT:  All right.  That's admitted.

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1 (Exhibit CX-0480 received in evidence.)

2 BY MR. DILLON:

3 Q. If you could turn to CX-0480 at .008.

4 A. I'm there.

5 Q. What is this?

6 A. It's a visual representation of a closed-loop production  
7 system. That is all of the steps that a company needs to  
8 make before it can turn the planting seed into the final  
9 product.

10 Q. Could you walk the Court through each of the steps here  
11 in the closed-loop production process, please.

12 A. To start making a specialty crop, you have to start with  
13 a specialty planting seed. So you have to produce planting  
14 seed, and that's what is depicted in the first box, a bag of  
15 seeds. Once you've created those bags of seeds, you sell  
16 those seeds to your farmer who is going to be growing this  
17 crop for you in a separate field.

18 Then you purchase the grain from the farmer, and  
19 then now it's yours. Now you have to move and store the  
20 grain the way you see fit, and, ultimately, the grain ends up  
21 being delivered to the processing plant, which we call crush  
22 plant. This is a plant where oilseed or grain is going to be  
23 squeezed and crushed into two components; oil and meal. And  
24 once you've done that, you have to take care of the logistics  
25 of the oil, which is the final product. In this case, it's



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1 taken to a port where it's sold.

2 Q. How do the costs of closed-loop production compare to the  
3 normal costs of producing canola?

4 A. They're always higher.

5 Q. Why is that?

6 A. Because they have to do things differently because you  
7 have to use different silos, different fields. You have to  
8 make sure that the product always is segregated from the bulk  
9 of your production -- not your production, other people's  
10 production, and that all adds cost at every single note in  
11 this visual representation.

12 Q. Is closed-loop production necessary for Latitude?

13 A. Yes, it is. That's the only way we can produce something  
14 like Latitude.

15 Q. And why is that?

16 A. Because our goal is to produce oil that would be on  
17 itself very separate from the other regular or generic canola  
18 oil, that our oil will not have any of the generic canola  
19 oil, and on the flip side, that the generic canola oil will  
20 not have any of our oil. So really making sure that the  
21 whole production is separate from the field to the storage to  
22 transportation to crush.

23 Q. If we could turn back, Mr. Sparks, to PX-870.

24 Dr. Gromov, is closed-loop production depicted on  
25 PX-870.002?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Where is that?

3 A. It would be in the boxes called seed production, contract  
4 production, and crush and refining.

5 Q. How does closed-loop production add value to Latitude?

6 A. As I said before, it's the way you have to do it, and  
7 without closed-loop production system, which is an efficient  
8 closed loop production system, you cannot produce Latitude.

9 Q. On PX-870 there's a box titled "product development."  
10 What does this refer to?

11 A. It refers to making sure that your oil works in the fish  
12 feed application.

13 Q. And is fish feed the product that you're developing for  
14 Latitude?

15 A. Yes. That's the target market for Latitude.

16 Q. All right. Did Cargill do any testing to determine  
17 whether Cargill's omega-3 canola works as a fish oil  
18 substitute in fish feed?

19 A. Yes, we did.

20 Q. And what do those tests show?

21 A. Those tests show that we can replace all fish oil in the  
22 fish diet without any detrimental effect on fish performance  
23 or health. So all of the fish oil can relates to Latitude.

24 THE COURT: Have you tested them in fish other than  
25 salmon?

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1           THE WITNESS: No, we did not, Your Honor. Take it  
2 back. Shrimp study was done at the University of Auburn that  
3 showed similar results that we could go almost all the way to  
4 replace the fish oil. I think in shrimp we could replace up  
5 to 75 percent of added fish oil.

6 BY MR. DILLON:

7 Q. And I think earlier you mentioned that there was some  
8 work ongoing with regards to trout; is that correct?

9 A. That work is ongoing. I do not have the results for that  
10 work yet.

11 Q. If you could stay in PX-870 and just turn the page to  
12 .003. Do you recognize this chart?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Would you briefly describe what this chart shows?

15 A. It shows a summary of fish feeding results where we --  
16 we've taken a commercial fish diet, salmon in this particular  
17 case, replaced all the fish oil with Latitude, and observed  
18 trout -- we're looking for any differences. Bottom line, we  
19 didn't see any. Fish was gaining weight the same way in both  
20 cases. Fish was just as healthy in both cases. And the  
21 mortality rate was the same in both cases. So the conclusion  
22 from that study was that a complete replacement of fish oil  
23 with Latitude is possible.

24           THE COURT: So Latitude behaved the same as fish  
25 oil?

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1 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

2 THE COURT: Not better, not worse, the same?

3 THE WITNESS: That is correct.

4 THE COURT: But the fish oil varies in percentage of  
5 EPA and DHS, depending on the fish or what?

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, you're correct. It depends on  
7 the fish species, also depends on the year. The results are  
8 unpredictable. Some years it will be one level; some years  
9 it will be another. But the major variability comes with the  
10 species. Some fish will have higher omega-3 oils, like  
11 anchovy. It will be always higher than menhaden. That's  
12 always true, but the exact numbers will be dependent on the  
13 season.

14 BY MR. DILLON:

15 Q. What are some of the fish that are used for fish oil?

16 A. First and foremost is anchovies in South America, and  
17 then closer to home it's menhaden caught in the Gulf of  
18 Mexico and in the Atlantic Ocean. And if you go to Europe,  
19 you start looking at fish like capelin and eel, sardines,  
20 stuff like that, usually smaller fish that we do not like to  
21 eat. Fatty, bony fish are the best ones to go for that.

22 Q. If we could turn back one page to 870.002. In addition  
23 to manufacturing Latitude, is Cargill responsible for the  
24 marketing and sales of Latitude?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. And is this depicted on PX-870.002?

2 A. It would be in the last box called sales and  
3 distribution.

4 Q. What is involved in sales and distribution?

5 A. Finding the customers, talking to them, understanding  
6 their needs, and providing a solution to their needs.  
7 Really, it's selling the product.

8 Q. Are there any other areas of value created by Cargill  
9 that are not generally described in 870.002?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And what is that?

12 A. The value proposition relates to Cargill's ability to  
13 offer omega-3 ingredient at a predictable cost rather than  
14 the current solution, which is fish oil, which is  
15 unpredictably priced.

16 Q. Why is that valuable to customers?

17 A. It's extremely valuable to fish farmers because to raise,  
18 let's say, salmon as an example, salmon spends about 12 to 18  
19 months at sea in the cages. They are also called net pens  
20 sometimes.

21 And for all this time, you have to feed the fish.  
22 So it's un -- not unlike land animals, so large amount of  
23 fish. You've invested money. You've got to feed them. Your  
24 feed costs are about 60 to 65 percent of your overall  
25 production costs, and situation where you actually do not

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1 know how much it's going to cost you to feed the fish adds  
2 volatility, adds unpredictability to the farmer's cost to  
3 production, and nobody likes that.

4 Q. How is Latitude able to mitigate that volatility?

5 A. To understand that, let me step back, maybe talk about  
6 how fish oil is made. Fish oil is made by a fisherman going  
7 fishing in the ocean, and then they may or may not catch  
8 fish, depending on the situation. If there is not enough  
9 fish or there is no fish, then there's no fish oil. So the  
10 supply of fish oil is very unpredictable, which is reflected  
11 in its price.

12 The approach that Cargill takes is farming, which is  
13 much more predictable than going fishing in the open ocean.  
14 We know how many bushels we've planted. We know how the  
15 hybrids are going to perform. There's very little volatility  
16 in the output volume, so we can start talking about  
17 predictable volume and predictable price.

18 Q. If you could turn to what's been previously marked as  
19 PX-877. Do you recognize this document?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And what is it?

22 A. It's a PowerPoint slide.

23 Q. Is this a document that Cargill created and maintains in  
24 the ordinary course of business?

25 A. Yes.

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1 MR. DILLON: Your Honor, we move to admit PX-877.

2 MR. SUNG: No objection.

3 THE COURT: PX-877 will you admitted.

4 (Exhibit PX-877 received in evidence.)

5 BY MR. DILLON:

6 Q. Dr. Gromov, if you could turn the page to Page .003.

7 A. I'm there.

8 Q. Could you please explain to the Court what this chart  
9 represents.

10 A. This chart represents a trajectory of fish oil price  
11 between 2010 and mid-2018. The major takeaway from this  
12 price chart is that the fish oil price is extremely  
13 unpredictable and volatile. In the span of a few months the  
14 price can go from \$1,300 to \$2,700 and back, and that's the  
15 main takeaway from this chart.

16 Q. And in comparison to fish oil, what is the relative  
17 predictability of the costs associated with Latitude?

18 A. It's much, much, much more predictable. In a way, we can  
19 almost know for sure what it's going to be if we price the  
20 grain to the farmer correctly.

21 Q. Okay. If we could turn back briefly to PX-870.

22 Dr. Gromov, we've talked about the activities in  
23 green. Just briefly I want to talk a little bit about the  
24 activities in blue.

25 Are you familiar with the areas of value created by

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1 BASF for the Latitude project?

2 A. Yes, I am.

3 Q. And what are those areas?

4 A. The two major areas are genetic engineering, which is  
5 creating the elite event, LFK Kumily event; and the second  
6 step is achieving global deregulation of this product.

7 Q. And why is global deregulation important to Latitude?

8 A. Latitude business is expected to be global, and global  
9 deregulation means that we are able to sell the product in  
10 more countries than one, in many countries, essentially  
11 enabling us to sell in many different geographies.

12 Q. Once BASF delivered the elite event to Cargill, did BASF  
13 have any ongoing technical responsibilities for the  
14 development of Latitude?

15 A. No.

16 Q. How about with regards to the manufacturing or production  
17 of Latitude? Does BASF have any ongoing responsibilities for  
18 those activities?

19 A. It does not.

20 Q. And with regards to sales and distribution, does BASF  
21 have any responsibility?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Dr. Gromov, I want to talk a little bit more with you  
24 about the market for Latitude. In preparation for your  
25 testimony, have you prepared a demonstrative related to the



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1 omega-3 market?

2 A. Yes, I have.

3 Q. All right. If we could call up demonstrative PDX-1304.

4 What does this chart represent or depict?

5 A. It's a visual representation of a fish farming industry.

6 Q. Okay. What are the various layers or levels that we see  
7 in this chart?

8 A. What you see on this chart, if you start from the very  
9 bottom, you see that there is a fair amount of fish farming  
10 companies. The amount is not huge, but it's not very small  
11 either, and the fish farming companies are supplied by much  
12 smaller amount -- much smaller number of fish feed companies  
13 like Cargill, Biomar and Skretting, which is a middle layer  
14 in the chart. And those feed manufacturing companies source  
15 their omega-3 from a lot of different suppliers. Most of  
16 them are a fish oil companies, and I'm talking dozens of  
17 suppliers here.

18 Q. Who are the potential customers for Latitude?

19 A. That would be the middle layer. That would be the feed  
20 suppliers, companies like Cargill, Biomar, and Skretting.

21 Q. And you mentioned one of those is a Cargill company?

22 A. Yes. It's -- now it's an internal division. It's a  
23 group in Cargill, we use the abbreviation CQN.

24 THE COURT: It's part of Cargill now?

25 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, Your Honor?

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1 THE COURT: You said somebody is part of Cargill?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes. In 2015, Your Honor, Cargill  
3 acquired a salmon feeding company called EWOS.

4 THE COURT: EWOS?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes. Which is part of Cargill now.

6 THE COURT: So it's not on the chart?

7 THE WITNESS: Right. Because it's Cargill now, Your  
8 Honor.

9 THE COURT: So it acquired a competitor or a  
10 customer?

11 THE WITNESS: Exactly.

12 THE COURT: Which?

13 THE WITNESS: So today a division of Cargill is a  
14 potential customer for us, for Latitude.

15 THE COURT: So they were a fish farmer?

16 THE WITNESS: No, they were fish feed manufacturer,  
17 Your Honor. They made the feed.

18 THE COURT: Fish feed manufacturer. Okay.

19 BY MR. DILLON:

20 Q. So in that middle layer, Dr. Gromov, where you have the  
21 major feed suppliers, where it says "Cargill, before 2015,"  
22 would that have been EWOS?

23 A. In the center space, yes, it would have been EWOS.

24 Q. And if Cargill had not acquired that company, they would  
25 effectively be a potential customer for the Latitude project,

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1 correct?

2 A. Yeah. They would be the same customer except it would be  
3 a company called EWOS. Now it's part of Cargill. So it  
4 would be the same people potentially buying our product.

5 Q. So I think the Judge's question, Cargill acquired a  
6 potential customer of its product; is that correct?

7 A. That is correct.

8 Q. Okay. There are a number of arrows on this chart down at  
9 the bottom. What do those represent?

10 A. What these arrows are meant to represent is that farming  
11 companies buy feed from several feed suppliers. I'm not  
12 aware of any exclusive agreements in this industry. It's  
13 very fluid. It's very competitive. And the arrows that you  
14 observe here change every year, possibly every quarter. Who  
15 buys from whom and how much changes all the time.

16 Q. How long has Cargill been in the aquaculture business?

17 A. Cargill has been in the aquaculture business for many  
18 years, and with the acquisition of EWOS in 2015, it just  
19 entered into what is called the cold species market, which is  
20 salmon in this case.

21 Q. Are you familiar with the feed suppliers depicted on  
22 PDX-1301?

23 A. Yes, I am.

24 Q. How are you familiar with them?

25 A. I met with them.

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1 Q. Have you visited their facilities?

2 A. No. I'm not -- not their facilities. I visited  
3 facilities of Cargill.

4 Q. And are you familiar with the fish farming companies?

5 A. Yes, I am.

6 Q. How are you familiar with them?

7 A. I met with them, and I've seen their farms.

8 Q. Since Latitude is not yet available in the market, what  
9 are the fish feed manufacturers using today for omega-3 oil?

10 A. It's pretty much fish oil. 99 percent of all omega-3, 98  
11 percent, maybe, is fish oil. There's also some small amounts  
12 what -- of what is called alga oils, which is a result of  
13 extracting the oil from certain marine algae plants, but the  
14 vast majority is still fish oil.

15 THE COURT: Well, does all of the fish feed that  
16 these salmon farmers buy, does it all contain omega-3?

17 THE WITNESS: Yes, it does, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: But at this point it's all from fish  
19 oil?

20 THE WITNESS: In my estimate, 98 percent of it is  
21 probably at least -- is probably fish -- fish oil.

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 BY MR. DILLON:

24 Q. You mentioned alga oil. What is the relative price of  
25 alga oil to fish oil?

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1 A. Alga oil is much more expensive than fish oil. My best  
2 estimate today, alga oil is being offered at two to three  
3 times more than fish oil to these feed manufacturing  
4 companies. It's much more expensive.

5 THE COURT: Well, why is there a market for it if  
6 it's so much more expensive?

7 THE WITNESS: There is a marketing story that goes  
8 with it. Some companies use it as a headline of being more  
9 sustainable than the others, and they try to differentiate  
10 the product this way, hoping to either raise the price or  
11 maybe possibly gain more volume in the marketplace by saying  
12 essentially my fish is better than yours because I use these  
13 novel ingredients that do good.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 BY MR. DILLON:

16 Q. All right. Do the fish feed manufacturers depicted in  
17 the middle have a single source for omega-3 oil?

18 A. They do not. In fact, they buy from dozens of suppliers.  
19 There's literally many, many fish oil companies around the  
20 world, and with the buyers for fish oil and these fish food  
21 manufacturers travel the world, and they make deals with  
22 everybody at any given time, and they could be buying  
23 locally. Next month, they could be buying from Mexico. Next  
24 month they could be bringing some product from the U.S., a  
25 menhaden product, a menhaden oil. So it's really largely

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1 price-driven behavior that these guys exhibit.

2 Q. What types of contracts exist between the feed suppliers  
3 and their omega-3 suppliers?

4 A. Those are usually short-term contracts. They go out for  
5 a few months at the longest, and there's also some spot  
6 sales.

7 Q. Have you had any discussions with the fish feed suppliers  
8 about the types of contracts you would hope to have for  
9 Latitude?

10 A. Yes, we did. We started off with trying to get a longer  
11 term contract, maybe like 18 -- I'm sorry, like 36 months,  
12 three-year contract. We did not get much interest on that  
13 proposition.

14 Q. And why is that?

15 A. I'm not quite sure. I believe that the reason being is  
16 that we are new ingredients, and these buyers, the customers,  
17 they want to be careful, and they will not be buying  
18 something novel that they haven't tried in their operations  
19 for several years on a long-term contract. That was my best  
20 guess why it didn't work.

21 Q. When Cargill begins selling Latitude, who will be  
22 Cargill's competition?

23 A. It's going to be everybody who sells omega-3 solutions.  
24 Fish oil companies come to mind because that's where the bulk  
25 of the omega-3 comes from. They're the price setters. Once

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1 they competitively develop fish oil price, you cannot veer  
2 too far from the benchmark. You have to be reasonably close  
3 if you want to move volumes of your product. So it will be  
4 very much looking at fish oil pricing when we go in.

5 Q. Will Cargill's competition be limited to just plant-based  
6 omega-3 suppliers?

7 A. No. No. Because the customers that buy omega-3, they  
8 buy from various sources, and they like to buy from various  
9 sources. They like the variety. They like being able to get  
10 in and out of the supplier. They do it all the time. That's  
11 how they do business.

12 Q. Is there an advantage to being the first company to  
13 launch a plant-based omega-3 oil solution?

14 A. No. I don't believe that. I do not.

15 Q. Why?

16 A. The way customers buy omega-3 ingredients is very fluid.  
17 They change suppliers very frequently. They change the  
18 relative splits of their buying between suppliers all the  
19 time. There is no brand loyalty in that line of business.  
20 It's very transactional. So I don't see how the first mover  
21 advantage would be manifesting itself in this environment.

22 Q. Do you know how much fish oil these fish farming  
23 companies purchase each year?

24 A. I can try and estimate. Salmon is -- why we talk about  
25 salmon, Your Honor, all the time is because it's the largest

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1 user of fish oil in omega-3 on the earth. My estimates put  
2 the use in salmon industry at about 400,000 metric tons a  
3 year of fish oil, and then you have to add it to another,  
4 probably, 250,000 metric tons of fish oil used to feed other  
5 fish and shrimp for a total of 650,000 metric tons of fish  
6 oil in the aquafeed industry.

7 Q. When you launch Latitude, how much do you expect to  
8 produce?

9 A. In 2020, we have budgeted now to produce about 2,100  
10 metric tons of fish oil equivalents. That is 2.1 thousand  
11 metric tons.

12 Q. And by the year 2025, what is your projection as to the  
13 quantity of fish oil equivalent omega-3 oil you'll produce?

14 A. We project to ramp it up to about 35,000 metric tons of  
15 fish oil equivalent by 2025.

16 Q. Is there an unmet demand today for fish oil?

17 A. I believe so.

18 Q. Why is that?

19 A. After talking to fish farmers and fish feed  
20 manufacturers, it's pretty clear to me that the current use  
21 of omega-3 in the feed is insufficient. Because fish oil  
22 supply is constrained, and the industry was growing so fast,  
23 they had to reduce the including rate of fish oil in the  
24 field, and they went too far.

25 In fact, this farm salmon today that we buy has



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1 about a half of omega-3 it used to have 20 years ago for that  
2 very reason.

3 The other observation is that operations guys in the  
4 fish farms, people who run those cages, people who feed the  
5 fish, people who are responsible for harvesting the fish,  
6 they believe that the inclusion rate of omega-3 in the fish  
7 feed needs to go higher from where it is today because  
8 they're seeing some negative effects already in the cages.

9 THE COURT: Because what, now?

10 THE WITNESS: Because there's not enough omega-3,  
11 the fish is not as healthy as it should be. The mortality is  
12 a little higher than it should be. It doesn't grow quite as  
13 fast as it should be, and it doesn't recover from stresses  
14 like diseases, parasites, quite as good as it could have.

15 BY MR. DILLON:

16 Q. You used the phrase "inclusion rate." What is that?

17 A. What I was trying to say by that is how much omega-3 on  
18 the, let's say, percentage basis is in the fish feed.

19 Q. And you mentioned that it had dropped about half. About  
20 how much --

21 A. Over the last 20 years, it dropped by a lot. Twenty  
22 years ago, every single drop of -- essentially, every single  
23 drop of fat that would go into fish feed was fish oil.  
24 Today, it's only one-third of it. The two-thirds of the fat  
25 that goes into fish feed is something else. It could be

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1 regular canola oil. It could be palm oil. It could be  
2 poultry fat, things of that sort. But the fish oil,  
3 including fish oil yields in the feed manufacturing, has gone  
4 down dramatically over the years.

5 Q. How is the demand to fish oil expected to change in the  
6 future?

7 A. We expect it to grow, and the reason being is that  
8 aquaculture is really a young industry. It really started  
9 being noticeable 30, 40 years ago. Before that, every single  
10 fish or shrimp we would eat would be wild caught. So it's  
11 young. It's growing fast. So the demand for fish oil, we  
12 expect, will grow.

13 Q. If there is this unmet demand for fish oil, why aren't  
14 you ramping up your production faster?

15 A. There's only so fast you can go. With a new crop, you  
16 need geography where nobody knows how to grow it. You have  
17 to do things the right way, making sure that when you work  
18 with the farmers, they're happy. The worst thing you can do  
19 is you go in and you do not deliver what you promised to your  
20 farmers, then it's going to be very difficult to recover your  
21 reputation.

22 So the projections, Your Honor, you're going to see  
23 in a few minutes are really based from -- based on Cargill's  
24 ability to scale up those acres, those metric tons as quickly  
25 as possible.

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1 Q. Dr. Gromov, what impact do you believe other plant-based  
2 omega-3 suppliers will have on Cargill's business?

3 A. I do not see any impact, frankly, because what I watch  
4 every day, I watch fish oil price. That's what sets the  
5 value of my product. That's what -- I'm rooting for fish oil  
6 to be more expensive, because that will bring the value up on  
7 our product. I don't spend time thinking about what other  
8 people price their products at.

9 Q. Is the market large enough for more than one plant-based  
10 omega-3 supplier?

11 A. I believe so. The estimates I've seen for the growth in  
12 unmet demand are substantial, and certainly, if you look at  
13 Cargill's projections, we're not capable to meet all of that  
14 by ourselves. So I believe there's room for more than one  
15 player, absolutely.

16 Q. You mentioned pricing. Do you have a price today for  
17 Latitude oil?

18 A. We do not.

19 Q. And why is that?

20 A. We have not priced it to any customers yet.

21 Q. When it launches Latitude, how do you expect to price the  
22 product?

23 A. After many conversations with the industry players, we've  
24 come to realize that to move any sizeable volume, we have to  
25 price at a slight premium to fish oil, at best.

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1 Q. What is the current price for fish oil?

2 A. As you've seen from the chart, it's very volatile.

3 Current price of fish oil, I think it's fair to say, is in  
4 the area of \$1,850 a metric ton.

5 THE COURT: You say that your price is going to be  
6 more than fish oil, but --

7 THE WITNESS: But not much, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Well, fish oil is very volatile, so, I  
9 mean, why wouldn't your price be more one year and less the  
10 next year, depending on the -- what's the word -- volatility  
11 of the fish oil price? It would seem that yours would be  
12 less or more, depending on what fish oil was.

13 THE WITNESS: You're correct, Your Honor, but when  
14 we sign a contract -- let's say we sign a contract today for  
15 delivery in 12 months. That's where we fix the price, based  
16 on today's range of fish oil, not when we sign the next  
17 contract. That price will be different, depending on where  
18 the market takes fish oil a year from now. So there will be  
19 contracts at different price levels, but once you sign it,  
20 it's binding; the price is fixed.

21 THE COURT: All right. But as time goes on, it will  
22 be -- your production costs of the fish oil will go down,  
23 will it not?

24 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, Your Honor. The production  
25 cost of fish oil?

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1 THE COURT: The price of production of your fish oil  
2 should go down, adjusted for inflation.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes. You probably are referring to  
4 the scale effects?

5 THE COURT: Yeah.

6 THE WITNESS: Yes, we expect some improvement. It's  
7 not -- we don't believe we're going to see a drastic  
8 improvement in our cost of production because of the way we  
9 chose to do that in Montana, in the global supply chain. We  
10 may -- I fully expect that we're going to be seeing some  
11 improvement, but it's not going to be very drastic, in my --

12 THE COURT: Why would you choose Montana as the  
13 place to grow it? I know that both you and the proponents  
14 have chosen Montana. What is it about the climate there that  
15 caused you to choose it?

16 THE WITNESS: We chose Montana, Your Honor, because  
17 essentially -- I'll sum it up. You can grow canola in  
18 Montana, and yet nobody does, or hardly anybody does. And  
19 the reason we wanted to have a place like that is we wanted  
20 to be separate from the ocean, of the other canola, to make  
21 sure that our product doesn't get contaminated from external  
22 canola, and the external canola does not get contaminated by  
23 our product.

24 Those are -- we call them stewardship  
25 considerations. They're actually a good chunk of our

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1 increased cost of production, making sure that Latitude does  
2 not end up being in the generic canola trade flows before we  
3 achieve global deregulation. Because the scenario that we  
4 are working very hard to avoid -- and we incur costs as we do  
5 that -- is a scenario where, let's say, a boat with Canadian  
6 canola ends up being destined for, let's say, Japan, and  
7 while Japan is still deregulating Latitude, somebody finds a  
8 trait in that boat. We will be endangering a whole canola  
9 trade flow from that perspective.

10 This is why when Cargill defines the global supply  
11 chain, we'll really spend a lot of time and money making sure  
12 that that risk is minimized.

13 THE COURT: Well, then you could grow canola in  
14 virtually any climate in the world, then, if you can grow it  
15 in Montana? I understand why you wouldn't, but I mean, as  
16 far as the agriculture potential, you could grow it anywhere.

17 THE WITNESS: Almost anywhere, Your Honor. The --  
18 the results may vary, right, but you'll get some seed. You  
19 may not like the yield.

20 But you're absolutely right. Montana -- there's  
21 nothing magic about Montana. You can grow canola in North  
22 Dakota. Indeed, this is where in the U.S. people grow quite  
23 a bit of canola. North Dakota is a state where you will grow  
24 canola, not Montana. There's a bit in Washington. There's a  
25 bit in Colorado. There are also some people who grow in the

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1 south. They call it winter canola, so they plant over the  
2 winter in Georgia and Texas. But those are very small,  
3 almost irrelevant, volumes, Your Honor. So Montana is not  
4 magic, if that's what you're getting at.

5 THE COURT: That's what I'm getting at, yes.

6 All right.

7 BY MR. DILLON:

8 Q. Dr. Gromov, what is grown in Montana right now?

9 A. Montana is known for growing, first and foremost, wheat  
10 and barley. There's a bit of alfalfa hay, there's chickpeas,  
11 but really the majority of acres are being taken by wheat and  
12 barley.

13 Q. And about how many acres of farmland are there in  
14 Montana?

15 A. Off the top of my head, I would put it at about 5 million  
16 acres of farmland in Montana that is used for growing wheat  
17 and barley.

18 Q. And by the time you've ramped up to, say, the year 2025,  
19 approximately how many acres do you expect to use to grow  
20 Latitude grain?

21 A. I would have to go back to the spreadsheet, but I think  
22 it's going to be on the order of approximately 150,000,  
23 maybe.

24 Q. Okay.

25 A. Again, I'd have to go to the spreadsheet for that.

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1 Q. We're going to get to that, but why don't we turn to the  
2 cost, since that's the subject of some of the Court's  
3 questions.

4 THE COURT: How much longer are you going to be?

5 MR. DILLON: Probably about another half hour.

6 THE COURT: Well, we started late, so you just let  
7 me know when you or if you want a recess?

8 MR. DILLON: We can take the morning recess now, if  
9 you'd like.

10 THE COURT: What I'm saying is I don't need a  
11 recess. If you need one, let me know.

12 MR. DILLON: I think I'm good. I don't want to be  
13 the one to hold somebody back here, but we'll press on.

14 BY MR. DILLON:

15 Q. Dr. Gromov, have you analyzed how much it will cost to  
16 produce Latitude?

17 A. Yes, I have.

18 Q. And about how long have you been doing that type of  
19 analysis?

20 A. I started doing rigorous analysis about two years ago.

21 Q. Approximately how much more does it cost to grow Latitude  
22 versus regular canola?

23 A. About \$800 a metric ton more of oil.

24 Q. And for the Court's benefit, what is the price of regular  
25 canola today, approximately?



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1 A. Obviously, it's market-driven. My best understanding, if  
2 we use \$750 a metric ton, we'd be pretty close.

3 THE COURT: Well, as a percentage of the cost of  
4 regular canola, how much more does it cost to raise --

5 THE WITNESS: More than double, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: More than double?

7 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

8 BY MR. DILLON:

9 Q. And so I think you said \$750 for regular canola and an  
10 additional approximately \$800 for the Latitude canola?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. Does it cost more to grow Latitude?

13 A. Yes, it does.

14 Q. And approximately how much more does it cost?

15 A. If you look at the price of canola grain today, I think  
16 it would be around \$350 a metric ton of canola grain. When  
17 we talk to our farmers in Montana, they're talking about  
18 asking for 500. So we're talking about \$150 a metric ton,  
19 premium, to regular canola, generic canola.

20 Q. And why do you have to pay the farmers in Montana \$150  
21 more?

22 A. That's what they're asking for.

23 Q. Beyond the cost of growing the grain, are there any  
24 additional costs associated with making Latitude oil?

25 A. Yes. Once you've grown the grain and you purchase it

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1 from the farmer, now it's yours. You have to figure out what  
2 to do with it. So you have to store it, you have to move it,  
3 and you have to do it in a closed-loop supply chain setting.  
4 So you incur costs in trucking, in storing the grain in  
5 Montana, and so those will be the costs that go on top of  
6 what you pay to the farmer.

7 Q. Earlier you mentioned crushing or crush plant. Could you  
8 describe what a crush plant is and how it's used to make  
9 Latitude?

10 A. Yes. A crush plant is a term that we use in Cargill and  
11 in the industry for the plants that turn oilseeds into oil  
12 and meal. Essentially, they squeeze the oilseeds and get the  
13 meal and the oil out of them. So that's the crush plant.

14 The extra cost in the Latitude case is our crush  
15 plant is in the State of North Dakota, so what we have to do,  
16 after we purchase the grain from the farmer and move it and  
17 store it in a central location in Montana, we have to pay the  
18 rail company to get it to North Dakota, and then we have to  
19 pay the crush plant to crush it for us.

20 Q. If you could, turn in your binder to what has been marked  
21 as PX-545. And I think it's going to be easier to look at  
22 this on the screen when we get there just because it's so  
23 small, but do you recognize this document?

24 A. Yes, I do.

25 Q. What is it?

—Gromov, D. - Direct—

1 A. It's a spreadsheet I created that models out the  
2 production costs for Latitude.

3 Q. Is this a document that Cargill created and maintains in  
4 the ordinary course of business?

5 A. Yes.

6 MR. DILLON: Move to admit PX-545 into evidence.

7 MR. SUNG: No objection.

8 THE COURT: PX-545 will be admitted.

9 (Exhibit PX-545 received in evidence.)

10 BY MR. DILLON:

11 Q. Dr. Gromov, when did you create this document?

12 A. This document was created earlier this year.

13 Q. Okay. When did you first create this type of analysis?

14 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 BY MR. DILLON:

17 Q. Dr. Gromov, I think you indicated this document you  
18 created earlier this year. When did you first create this  
19 type of analysis?

20 A. Probably about two years ago I started looking at the  
21 various breakdowns and line items of the production costs.

22 Q. All right. And which is the most accurate version of  
23 this analysis?

24 A. You should always use the latest version available to  
25 you.

—Gromov, D. - Direct—

1 Q. And why did your more recent versions get more accurate?

2 A. As we learn about the business, as we talk to more  
3 farmers, as we talk to storage companies in Montana, as we  
4 talk to railroad companies and the crush plants, our cost  
5 estimates become more accurate and realistic; hence, you  
6 should always use the most latest version of cost estimation  
7 spreadsheet.

8 Q. What was the purpose of creating this document?

9 A. As a business person, I absolutely have to understand the  
10 cost structure of my product before I go and start thinking  
11 about offering it. It also is used as an input into the more  
12 general financial model, and it is also a very good tool to  
13 manage your cost of production. It shows you clearly where  
14 you should focus your attention if you want to decrease the  
15 cost of production going forward.

16 MR. DILLON: All right. Mr. Sparks, if we could  
17 blow up the first column maybe out through the year 2020, if  
18 that's possible.

19 BY MR. DILLON:

20 Q. Dr. Gromov, in the left-hand column I'm going to walk  
21 down and just ask you to explain to the Court what these  
22 various categories reflect.

23 The first one is "Grain Farm Gate Dollars Per Metric  
24 Ton." What does that represent?

25 A. This is the price in dollars per metric ton that we would

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1 pay to the farmer at his farm.

2 Q. All right. The next three rows involve handling freight  
3 and storage. What do these represent?

4 A. These three lines represent expenses associated with  
5 moving and storing the grain in the State of Montana.

6 Q. The next row is "Grain Freight to Crush." What is that?

7 A. That would be the payment to the railroad company.

8 Q. What are "Grain Crush Costs Capital Recovery" and "Grain  
9 Meal Credit"?

10 A. These are the expenses and credits that are associated  
11 with converting canola grain to canola oil at the crush  
12 plant.

13 Q. Why do you get a credit at the crush plant?

14 A. As you process canola grain into oil and meal, canola  
15 meal has value, and, as such, it reduces your overall  
16 production cost because you get paid for that. It has value.

17 Q. The next row is, "Total Cost Dollars Per Metric Ton of  
18 Grain." What does that represent?

19 A. It would be the sum of the previously discussed buckets,  
20 just a calculation.

21 Q. All right. And then right below that is, "Oil Plant Gate  
22 Dollars Per Metric Ton." What does that represent?

23 A. They would be the production costs of Latitude at the  
24 plant gate.

25 Q. And why is there a difference in cost for a metric ton of

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1 oil versus a metric ton of grain?

2 A. Only portion of the grain is oil. In canola case, the --  
3 you can expect to get about 41.5 percent of oil from the  
4 grain by weight. What it means is that to get a metric ton  
5 of oil, you need to start with almost 2.5 metric tons of  
6 grain, and that's why the oil cost is higher in metric ton  
7 than your grain cost.

8 Q. All right. And under the year 2020 we see the dollar  
9 figure \$1,558.40. What does that represent?

10 A. That would be our estimation for year 2020, our  
11 production cost for Latitude oil in dollars per metric ton at  
12 the crush plant gate.

13 Q. So that's before it is shipped to the customer?

14 A. That's correct.

15 MR. DILLON: Mr. Sparks, if we could just back out.

16 BY MR. DILLON:

17 Q. Dr. Gromov, have you calculated a similar amount of the  
18 cost to produce Latitude oil for the years 2020 through 2025?

19 A. Yes. We made some assumptions and did that.

20 Q. Okay. Can you compare the cost of the Latitude oil,  
21 which I believe you said has 12 percent omega-3 content, to  
22 the current price for 12 percent fish oil?

23 A. 12 percent fish oil today would be priced at about \$1,350  
24 a metric ton. With Latitude costs at plant gate of \$1,558 a  
25 metric ton, what it means is that if we sell at the same

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1 price as fish oil, we actually will be losing money.

2 Q. So if your costs to manufacture the Latitude oil in 2020  
3 are more than \$200 at the plant, then the price that you  
4 could expect to get for equivalent fish oil -- how do you  
5 expect to make money?

6 A. The only way to make money is to sell the product at a  
7 premium to fish oil, and this is where the value propositions  
8 I referred to earlier, like predictable pricing, predictable  
9 supply, sustainability arguments come into play. This is  
10 where we need to persuade the customers to buy at a premium.

11 Q. Will this change in the future?

12 A. We hope it will. We do believe that today's fish oil  
13 price is on the low end of the range, so we may get some  
14 improvement there. As you see, we do project some level of  
15 improvement in our cost position.

16 But the biggest hope, the biggest driver of our  
17 expectations, is Project Boost, because we expect that by  
18 2023 we are going to have Latitude oil with much more omega-3  
19 in it while having the same cost of production.

20 THE COURT: Is that what accounts for most of the  
21 reduction shown on the chart from 1558.4 to 1401.2?

22 THE WITNESS: Actually, Your Honor, these are  
23 production costs. They do not depend on generational --

24 THE COURT: Well, I meant --

25 THE WITNESS: So the answer is, "No," Your Honor.

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1 These operational improvements, over time we expect to get  
2 better in moving the grain, storing the grain, maybe paying  
3 the farmer a little less, maybe paying the crush plant a  
4 little less.

5 THE COURT: So the increased oil per metric ton  
6 doesn't account for that difference?

7 THE WITNESS: Yeah. This chart, Your Honor, is just  
8 the cost of production. The value of the oil would be in a  
9 different spreadsheet, Your Honor. So the Boost effect would  
10 be shown in a different spreadsheet, where we talk about the  
11 pricing of fish oil. This is just the numbers for cost of  
12 production. They're largely -- they're independent of  
13 omega-3 content.

14 BY MR. DILLON:

15 Q. Why don't we turn to PX-546. I think that will help to  
16 show this difference.

17 Do you recognize this document?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And what is it?

20 A. It's an Excel spreadsheet that has a financial model for  
21 Program Latitude.

22 Q. Did you create this document?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. And is this a document that's maintained in the ordinary  
25 course of business?



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1 A. Yes.

2 MR. DILLON: Your Honor, I move to admit PX-546 into  
3 evidence.

4 MR. SUNG: No objection.

5 THE COURT: PX-546 will be admitted.

6 (Exhibit PX-546 received in evidence.)

7 BY MR. DILLON:

8 Q. Dr. Gromov, when did you first create this financial  
9 model?

10 A. I started creating versions of this model probably four  
11 or five years ago.

12 Q. All right. And the version we're seeing here, when was  
13 this created?

14 A. This particular version is from earlier this year.

15 Q. And how would you compare the accuracy of this version to  
16 versions that you had previously created?

17 A. You should use -- you should be using this version over  
18 anything else that was created previously, because the  
19 assumptions change, sometimes drastically.

20 Q. Okay. This was produced earlier this year. Have there  
21 been any changes in 2019 to the analysis here that we see in  
22 PX-546?

23 A. There was one change. If you look at the column for  
24 CY-2020, the acres harvested number was taken down.

25 THE WITNESS: Which is the third line from the top,

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1 Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Yeah.

3 THE WITNESS: That number now stands at 5,000 acres,  
4 not 10. That's the only difference.

5 BY MR. DILLON:

6 Q. Why was that adjustment made?

7 A. It was made out of the -- our production team, given what  
8 they had to work with, didn't feel they could get out of the  
9 gate with 10,000 metric tons, so they said the best they  
10 could do is 5.

11 Q. How is the information used in the financial model,  
12 PX-546, used at Cargill?

13 A. It is used to update senior management on project  
14 perspectives. It is used to argue for the resources that the  
15 project needs.

16 Q. On this document is there a line that shows the profit  
17 that you expect to earn from the sale of Latitude oil?

18 A. Yes, there are several. If you look in the middle of the  
19 sheet, there is a line named "EBIT." It's in bold. That  
20 would be a measure of profitability we discussed before,  
21 earnings before interest and tax.

22 Q. And what is the projected EBIT for 2020?

23 A. If you're looking at crop year 2020, it shows a negative  
24 \$9.1 million.

25 Q. When do you project that Cargill will start making money

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1 on Latitude?

2 A. We project that it's going to happen in 2023.

3 Q. Through calendar year -- let me back up.

4 Earlier we were talking about the profit share  
5 payments to BASF. Do you recall that?

6 A. Yes, I do.

7 Q. Are those reflected here on PX-546?

8 A. Yes, they are. They're towards the end, towards the  
9 bottom of the sheet, and the line item was called "Payment to  
10 BASF, 40 percent EBIT."

11 Q. And what does that show for the next five years?

12 A. What it shows is that because Cargill does not expect to  
13 turn profit for the first several years, there are no  
14 payments to BASF, and the first payment is scheduled to  
15 happen in 2023 in the amount of \$0.5 million.

16 Q. And if you add up the payments that Cargill expects to  
17 make to BASF for the profit share of Latitude through crop  
18 year 2024, how much is that?

19 A. I'm doing quick math here. I'm coming up with \$3.3  
20 million.

21 Q. And in the year following in crop year 2025, how much  
22 additional is added?

23 A. It would be an additional \$5 million.

24 Q. Were you here yesterday in court when Mr. Jarosz was  
25 testifying?

—Gromov, D. - Direct—

1 A. Yes, I was.

2 Q. And do you recall that he had a range of royalties that  
3 would be put onto the Latitude product?

4 A. I remember that.

5 Q. I just want to talk about the low end of that range.

6 What would be the impact to Project Latitude if it  
7 had to pay a 12.4 percent royalty on net sales of Latitude  
8 oil?

9 A. Well, what it would do, it would, in fact, increase my  
10 production costs by that amount, which I'm figuring is close  
11 to \$200 a metric ton, which would make my job a lot harder.  
12 Now I have to overcome not only \$200 but an additional \$200  
13 when I try to sell the product, and I'm afraid that in that  
14 scenario, we may have to wait for a better fish oil pricing  
15 before we launch.

16 Q. Dr. Gromov, to date how much has Cargill invested in the  
17 launch of the Latitude program?

18 A. My best estimate is Cargill has invested about \$65  
19 million.

20 Q. And if Cargill were enjoined from selling Latitude  
21 through the expiration of the Group A patents in 2025, what  
22 would be the impact on the Latitude program and Cargill?

23 A. Before I answer, let me make a comment.

24 I think for most people when they think about  
25 Cargill, they think about this giant company that,

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1 essentially, is just huge. The reality is that it's a  
2 collection of businesses, and those are smaller businesses.  
3 And the business I work for, the fats and oils business, also  
4 known as GEOS, hosts Project Latitude.

5 In that business, Project Latitude is the largest  
6 project that they've been engaging in for many, many years.  
7 So the loss of this project would deprive the business of  
8 future profits, strategic profits into the future, as well as  
9 it will be a hit to P&L.

10 \$65 million is a really substantial amount, relative  
11 to the size of business I work for. So that's the first  
12 thing I would like to say.

13 In the course of running the project or the program  
14 Latitude, we've made investments. We've created a station in  
15 Montana. We built a building there. We hired people who are  
16 dedicated to this effort. Those people agreed to move their  
17 families to the State of Montana. If we have to stop, we  
18 would have to really work hard on offering some sort of  
19 alternative positions for those people, but there's no  
20 guarantee.

21 The other thing that would happen is that the amount  
22 of our R&D work in our Colorado facility would be drastically  
23 reduced, with similar types of consequences for people, and  
24 obviously myself here would be affected.

25 Q. Why does the omega-3 market need another alternative

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1 source like Latitude?

2 A. We're short. Frankly, we're short omega-3. As people,  
3 we don't eat enough omega-3. We should be eating more,  
4 especially in the United States. As animals, as fish, we do  
5 not feed them enough omega-3 for them to perform at their  
6 best.

7 So you have to have an additional source of omega-3;  
8 otherwise, it's going to be very difficult situation if you  
9 want to grow the aquaculture industry and if you want to keep  
10 everybody healthy.

11 Q. Why is Cargill specifically needed in order to solve the  
12 deficit in omega-3 oil?

13 A. Well, I hope -- I tried to show what's involved in  
14 actually making something like that commercial and selling  
15 it, because there's a lot of activities that you have to do,  
16 starting from science, which BASF takes care of, and then you  
17 start doing your closed-loop production system, from planting  
18 seed to marketing the oil. Cargill does all of that.

19 There are companies who are very good at processing  
20 oil seeds into oil. There are companies that are very good  
21 at making planting seeds and selling planting seeds. I don't  
22 know if they're going to be able to do that, I doubt. Maybe,  
23 they will be. But I know that Cargill will be able to  
24 execute on that, because we've been doing that for over 20  
25 years without specialty canola products.

—Gromov, D. - Direct—

1 Q. Are there unique health benefits to Cargill's Latitude  
2 that are not found in other plant-based omega-3 sources?

3 A. Yes. Project -- sorry, Latitude oil is largely an EPA  
4 oil rather than a DHA oil. Fish oil has both. Alternative  
5 sources like alga oils would have largely DHA, and DHA is  
6 valued mostly in infants. It helps develop their cognitive  
7 abilities and vision. EPA oil has a lot of heart health  
8 benefits, so it's relevant for the majority of us here.

9 THE COURT: It's what?

10 THE WITNESS: Heart health benefits, Your Honor. It  
11 makes your heart healthier. It's a well-known fact in the  
12 medical community, and I'm not aware of any other source of  
13 EPA oil other than fish oil and Latitude.

14 BY MR. DILLON:

15 Q. What would be the impact to consumers of stopping  
16 Latitude from coming to the market?

17 MR. SUNG: Objection, Your Honor. It's really  
18 calling for expert testimony on this.

19 THE COURT: I don't think it calls for expert  
20 testimony. The answer to that question is pretty obvious to  
21 me, and I'm not an expert.

22 BY MR. DILLON:

23 Q. You can answer it, Dr. Gromov.

24 A. Thank you. I believe that if there's no alternative  
25 source of EPA, there will continue to be a deficit of this

~~Gromov, D. - Cross~~

1 very important fatty acid in the marketplace, and we, as a  
2 people, will be worse off.

3 Q. Other than fish oil, are you aware of any other  
4 alternative source for EPA?

5 A. No, I'm not. There are plenty of DHA sources, but I'm  
6 not aware of any EPA oil that would be available.

7 MR. DILLON: Your Honor, unless you have any further  
8 questions for Dr. Gromov, I would pass the witness.

9 THE COURT: All right. I think we ought to go ahead  
10 and take a recess.

11 (Recess from 11:55 a.m. 12:18 p.m.)

12 CROSS-EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. SUNG:

14 Q. Let me ask you a couple questions before we get started  
15 on some of the aspects you tied in during your direct  
16 testimony.

17 You're the program manager for Latitude, correct?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. Would it be fair to say that you are familiar, since  
20 being involved with that project, on every aspect of the  
21 project?

22 A. Since about 2013, yes.

23 Q. And in that capacity, you're responsible for receiving  
24 information from your direct and indirect reports about the  
25 project?



~~Gromov, D. - Cross~~

1 A. I wouldn't say every piece of information goes through  
2 me, but yes. In general, yes.

3 Q. And you have responsibility for distributing information  
4 within Cargill about the project?

5 A. Not solely, but I've done that.

6 Q. But you'd be familiar with information that was being  
7 discussed within Cargill about Project Latitude?

8 A. I would expect to be familiar with that, yes.

9 Q. And just to be clear, Project Latitude was formerly known  
10 as Project Dolphin; is that correct?

11 A. That is correct.

12 Q. If we can have you turn in your binder to a tab CX-0578.

13 Are you there, Dr. Gromov?

14 A. I'm there.

15 Q. Do you recognize this document?

16 A. This is an e-mail I sent to Mark Christiansen and Willie  
17 Loh.

18 MR. SUNG: Your Honor, we'd like to move into  
19 evidence CX-0578.

20 MR. DILLON: No objection.

21 THE COURT: CX-0578 will be admitted.

22 (Exhibit CX-0578 received in evidence.)

23 MR. SUNG: Thank you, Your Honor.

24 BY MR. SUNG:

25 Q. Who are Mark Christiansen and Willie Loh?

~~Gromov, D. - Cross~~

1 A. Mark Christian is the managing director of specialty  
2 oils, and Willie Loh is my boss.

3 Q. And do you recall what this e-mail was regarding?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And what was that?

6 A. It was a summary of my conversation with somebody from  
7 Salmofood.

8 Q. And is Salmofood a company?

9 A. Salmofood is a feed -- fish feed manufacturing company in  
10 Chile.

11 Q. And if you read the end of that first paragraph, there's  
12 a reference to CQN. Is that Cargill Aqua Nutrition?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And so there appears to be a comparison between the two;  
15 one being a plant from Salmofood and one being the CQN plant.  
16 Are they roughly the same size?

17 A. No.

18 Q. You'd say they're a bit smaller than CQN?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And has Cargill done business before with Salmofood?

21 A. I'm not aware of any.

22 Q. Do you consider Salmofood to be a potential Cargill  
23 customer of Latitude?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. If you go further down where it begins, "Nuseed works

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1 with them," do you have a recollection why you stated that in  
2 this e-mail?

3 A. Yeah, I see that. Yes, because at the time I was talking  
4 to Salmofood about trialing Latitude, in one way or the  
5 other, and they mentioned that they work with Nuseed.

6 Q. And particularly about Nuseed's Aquaterra product; is  
7 that correct?

8 A. That's what they volunteered, yes.

9 Q. And do you see further where it mentions that there will  
10 be about 100 metric tons of Aquaterra oil used over the 15-  
11 to 18-month period? Do you see that?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And you also state in this e-mail that Aquaterra oil was  
14 given away for free.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And your message further to Messrs. Christiansen and Loh  
17 was that, "Salmofood is willing to explore similar  
18 arrangement with us."

19 What did you mean by that?

20 A. What I meant by that is Salmofood was, in principle, open  
21 to trial Latitude oil.

22 Q. So was it your understanding that Salmofood was a  
23 potential customer in both Nuseed, as well as Cargill?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. I'd refer you in your binder to CX-0164.

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1 THE COURT: What was that number?

2 MR. SUNG: CX-0164.

3 THE WITNESS: I'm there.

4 BY MR. SUNG:

5 Q. And, Dr. Gromov, do you recognize this document?

6 THE COURT: Wait a minute. Let me find it. 0164?

7 MR. SUNG: Yes, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Okay. I've got it.

9 MR. SUNG: Thank you, Your Honor.

10 BY MR. SUNG:

11 Q. And if I can refer you specifically within this document  
12 to the page that is marked as Bates number 453. Those are  
13 the last three digits down there at the bottom.

14 A. I'm there.

15 Q. And down at the very bottom, that bridges over to the  
16 next page, do you recognize that as an e-mail that you had  
17 sent?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And who is Brad Rude?

20 A. At the time Brad Rude was working in what is known as the  
21 Risk Management Services Group for CQN.

22 Q. And you stated in that e-mail, the second bullet point  
23 there, "Our oil production volume projections currently stand  
24 for 2020 at 3500 metric tons"?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Q. "For 2021, 10,500 metric tons"?

2 A. Yes.

3 THE COURT: Is this going over to the next page?

4 MR. SUNG: Yes, Your Honor, it is, so it would be  
5 the very top of the next page.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 BY MR. SUNG:

8 Q. And then for 2022, 17,000 metric tons; is that correct?

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. And was that your understanding at that time you wrote  
11 the e-mail?

12 A. That was my best guess at the time.

13 MR. SUNG: I'm sorry, Your Honor. I don't know if  
14 we got it on the record. This exhibit has been admitted; is  
15 that correct?

16 THE CLERK: No.

17 MR. SUNG: Okay. Sorry. We'd like to move the  
18 admission of CX-0164. Thank you.

19 MR. DILLON: No objection.

20 THE COURT: That will be admitted.

21 (Exhibit CX-0164 received in evidence.)

22 BY MR. SUNG:

23 Q. And you see further down there's a -- in the next bullet  
24 point, the top bullet point, on the last page there, "As a  
25 mechanism to ensure that the contracted price level reflects

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1 the market, we envision CQN taking two-thirds of the annual  
2 production."

3 What does that mean?

4 A. What I meant by that is it will not be an exclusive offer  
5 to CQN; it would be selling to somebody else, as well.

6 Q. And is the two-thirds of that earmarked amount from that  
7 production -- is that an accurate reflection?

8 A. That's what I put in the e-mail. It's really a  
9 placeholder.

10 Q. But that's based on the best information you were  
11 projecting at that time, correct?

12 A. That was what I envisioned; that's correct.

13 Q. And you follow on by saying, "We need to secure volume  
14 commitments 18 months prior to delivery."

15 Why is that?

16 A. Because it takes us a long time to manufacture the oil.  
17 One way of doing the business is to book your oil sales  
18 before you book your acres with the farmers. So if you want  
19 to be able to do that, that's about the lag time that you  
20 need. You may compress it to maybe 12 months, but no shorter  
21 than that.

22 Q. So when you say that, "Cargill will not be selling  
23 Latitude until 2021," does that mean that you won't book  
24 these advance contracts at that time, or will it mean that  
25 you won't be delivering commercial product?

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1 A. It means that we will not be delivering the oil.

2 Q. So you would be engaging in advanced sales at this  
3 18-month time frame; is that correct?

4 A. It's quite possible.

5 Q. And so, as is indicated there, had it been a 2020  
6 delivery, you'd need that commitment by July of this past  
7 year. Is that fair?

8 A. That was the best case scenario. Like I said, you can  
9 compress the timeline.

10 Q. And if we go to the next bullet point, you indicate  
11 there, "Pricing will be done on a formulaic approach using a  
12 benchmark fish oil price."

13 Is that your understanding about how you do your  
14 pricing or how you've projected to do your pricing?

15 A. Yes, sir.

16 Q. And it follows that, "Since fish oil trends higher, we  
17 would be looking at a 10 percent premium over benchmark for  
18 the delivery 18 months out."

19 Is that what you were describing earlier when you  
20 mentioned that you lock in the contracts for the sale in  
21 future months, that you testified earlier on direct?

22 A. Yeah, that's what I envisioned; that is, we ran the price  
23 today and delivery is going to be later in the future. But  
24 price is set today.

25 Q. And does that reflect why you're saying a little bit

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1 farther down, "The difference between contracted and realized  
2 fish oil price at delivery is a risk"?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. And so is it a risk because it's unpredictable about any  
5 difference that might occur between the time you contract and  
6 the time you actually deliver?

7 A. Yes, because the fish oil price is unpredictable, and  
8 whatever the point in time -- whatever the price happens to  
9 be at delivery, one party is going to be unhappy.

10 Q. Can I turn you in your binder to tab CX-0548.

11 A. I'm there.

12 Q. And, Dr. Gromov, do you recognize this document?

13 A. Just to make sure, 0548?

14 Q. Correct.

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. And can you tell us what this document is?

17 A. These are the updates that we used to issue about state  
18 of the project and state of the industry, and these updates  
19 would go to internal Cargill people four times a year.

20 Q. And it looks like it's dated December 2018. Is that --  
21 do you have any reason to dispute that date?

22 A. No, but I cannot see the date in my copy.

23 Q. Okay. You might be able to see it on the screen. It's  
24 blown up.

25 A. I cannot see the date for that.



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1 I'm sorry, December '18. I was looking -- I  
2 apologize.

3 Q. No worries.

4 MR. SUNG: Your Honor, we'd like to move the  
5 admission of CX-0548, please.

6 MR. DILLON: No objection.

7 THE COURT: That will be admitted.

8 (Exhibit CX-0548 received in evidence.)

9 BY MR. SUNG:

10 Q. And if I can refer you specifically to the page within  
11 this exhibit, Bates number ending in 450.

12 A. I'm there.

13 Q. And if you look at the middle section of that page, it  
14 appears to state, "Human direct market activities."

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You testified earlier on direct that Cargill was not  
17 interested in the human nutrition market. Is that correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And so as of December 2018, your internal bulletins were  
20 still publicizing that you were pursuing human direct market  
21 activities.

22 A. These were unsolicited offers. We did not seek them out;  
23 they came to us.

24 Q. So under the section labeled "Human Direct Market  
25 Activities," it refers to Amarin as a U.S. pharmaceutical

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1 company. Do you see that?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And a little bit farther down, on the third bullet point  
4 in that section, it refers to a company called Pronova, and  
5 it appears to say, "Pronova has signed a material testing  
6 agreement and has received oil for testing."

7 A. That's correct. That's the oil I mentioned in the direct  
8 that was sent to Norway.

9 Q. So you said that it was sent to BASF-Norway.

10 A. Correct.

11 Q. It continues, "KD Pharma's MTA is in preparation. The  
12 MTA includes wording that preserves Cargill's right to sell  
13 broadly into this industry."

14 By referring to "this industry" within this  
15 newsletter, do you take that to be your understanding that  
16 "this industry" is the human direct market activity industry?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. If we can go further down on that same page to the next  
19 section that is entitled "Competitive Developments."

20 A. I can see that.

21 Q. And that first section labeled "CSIRO/Nuseed," do you see  
22 that?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. The first bullet point appears to talk about testing by  
25 two of the fish farmers that you had identified earlier on

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1 direct. Is that accurate?

2 A. Yes, Cermaq and Los Fiordes are the farmers.

3 Q. And it reports of Nuseed's activity, again mentioning  
4 that the oil which -- do you understand that to be Aquaterra?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. That Aquaterra was provided to fish farmers without  
7 charge. Do you see that, as well?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And if you skip a line, it says, "Chilean fish farmers  
10 and feed manufacturers indicated there was no need to test  
11 Latitude oil unless the Aquaterra oil caused a problem."

12 Do you have an understanding what that refers to?

13 A. I think I do.

14 Q. And what is that?

15 A. We've been told by said parties that if the tests show  
16 that Aquaterra performs well, this would infer that all of  
17 the plant-based oils will perform well.

18 Q. And by that, was it your understanding that the same  
19 customers wouldn't put Latitude to that same test as a  
20 result?

21 A. That's what I understood.

22 Q. So Cargill would not have to create or pay for such  
23 testing. Is that fair?

24 A. If there's no test, there's no payment, yes.

25 Q. It continues on to say that, "Nuseed representatives have

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1 indicated that their 2019 Montana production target is 15,000  
2 acres." It also goes on to say, "Key production contract  
3 terms include free planting seed and flat-priced grain at  
4 harvest."

5 You mentioned earlier during your direct that  
6 Cargill is planting Latitude-producing crops in Montana; is  
7 that right?

8 A. As research acres, yes.

9 Q. And, similarly, your understanding is that Nuseed is  
10 planting omega-3 canola-producing -- or canola-oil-producing  
11 crops in Montana, correct?

12 A. That's my understanding.

13 Q. And would it be your understanding that having those two  
14 additional plantings, where they are looking for growers to  
15 plant those crops, that essentially they're competing for  
16 grower contracts in Montana?

17 A. I wouldn't put it this way.

18 Q. How would you put it?

19 A. Anybody who wants to work with a farmer in Montana has to  
20 compete with wheat and barley. That's the majority of what  
21 people grow. You have to persuade them to grow your stuff  
22 over wheat and barley.

23 Q. And you were mentioning that the growers in Montana are  
24 seeking to charge a premium for growing Latitude-producing  
25 crops, as well. Are they?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Now, further down on this particular page you'll see  
3 another section, "Other Omega-3 Suppliers." Do you see that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And that first line refers to what appears to be a  
6 company named Veramaris. Are you familiar with that company?

7 A. Yes, I am.

8 Q. And can you tell us what your understanding is of that  
9 company?

10 A. Veramaris is a joint venture between a Dutch company  
11 called DSM and a German company called Evonik. The sole  
12 purpose of this joint venture is to produce alga oil for  
13 aquafeed.

14 Q. And so if you look at that next page, where it talks  
15 about Peruvian aqua grade fish oil values, right before that,  
16 it says, "break even," and it refers to \$3,000 to \$4,000 per  
17 metric ton range.

18 Is it your understanding that that's referring to  
19 Veramaris' break-even price?

20 A. The way -- no. That's the calculation. Our best guess  
21 is that they're offer price brought back to the level of  
22 omega-3 level of a Peruvian fish oil would put that parity  
23 value of fish oil at 3- to 4,000 metric ton range, which is,  
24 incidentally, double of what it was at the time.

25 Q. Double of what the fish oil was?

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1 A. Fish oil was at the time, yes.

2 Q. Okay. And so, therefore, I think you continue saying  
3 that, "Given the current levels of around \$1,900 per metric  
4 ton, these premiums are such that incorporation will be  
5 limited to niche applications."

6 What does that mean?

7 A. That means that you cannot expect to sell a lot of  
8 product at that price into the industry. You can always find  
9 a customer or two, but you will never make the volume. That  
10 was the intent of the statement.

11 Q. And so an algal producer of fish oil alternatives, like  
12 Veramaris, would be limited to niche applications. Is that  
13 fair?

14 A. In this price scenario, it is my belief, yes.

15 Q. If I can turn you in your binder to CX-1279.

16 A. I'm there.

17 MR. SUNG: Your Honor, do you have that tab?

18 BY MR. SUNG:

19 Q. And if I can refer you within that exhibit to Bates  
20 number ending in 427 -- actually, let me start -- do you  
21 recognize this document?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And the date September 27, 2017, does that comport with  
24 your recognition?

25 A. It looks right to me.

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1 MR. SUNG: I'd like to move the admission of  
2 CX-1279, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: The whole thing?

4 MR. SUNG: Yes. Yes, sir.

5 THE COURT: It's a multipage document. Do you want  
6 the whole thing in?

7 MR. SUNG: There will be a number of pages that we  
8 go through. If it becomes too unwieldy, Your Honor, we'll  
9 endeavor to excerpt, as well.

10 THE COURT: All right. Exhibit CX-1279 is admitted.  
11 (Exhibit CX-1279 received in evidence.)

12 MR. SUNG: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 BY MR. SUNG:

14 Q. If I could refer you to the page ending in Bates number  
15 427.

16 A. I'm there.

17 Q. Can you describe for us what is on this slide?

18 A. This is a much earlier version of the financial model we  
19 looked at in the direct.

20 Q. And the financial model for what, in particular?

21 A. Financial model for Program Latitude.

22 Q. The Generation I product within that series; is that  
23 correct?

24 A. I cannot tell what generation is properly incorporated in  
25 this.

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1 Q. Okay. If you look at your screen, there's some  
2 highlighting there. Would that refresh your recollection?

3 A. Yes, yes.

4 Q. And by the Generation I product, again, we're talking  
5 about what you would go to market with in 2021?

6 A. That is correct.

7 Q. And so when you talk about "major value driver  
8 assumptions," what does that mean?

9 A. Those are the assumptions that are largely responsible  
10 for the value in the financial model. So if you change  
11 those, you change the outcome.

12 Q. So do you do these types of projections on a periodic  
13 basis for these products?

14 A. Not in this form, no.

15 Q. Understood. And so let's take a look at the first  
16 assumption, omega-3 expression level at 12 percent. Is that  
17 an assumption that has borne out, to date?

18 A. I believe so.

19 Q. And the next line, 500,000 commercial acres. Is that an  
20 assumption that has been borne out, to date?

21 A. I don't think so.

22 Q. And so does this tie in with your testimony on direct  
23 that that has been significantly reduced in terms of your  
24 projection?

25 A. I would have to look at the most current model. I think



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1 it's just shy of 500,000 metric tons in the outer years, in  
2 the year 2029, 2030.

3 Q. Did I hear you correctly earlier testify that rather than  
4 500,000 commercial acres, you were looking at something more  
5 like 150,000 commercial acres?

6 A. By 2025, yes.

7 Q. And when it -- two bullet points down, when it talks  
8 about a "feed margin - base loads the business," what does  
9 that refer to?

10 A. Back in the day, it referred to sales into aquafeed  
11 business and assumed margin for those sales.

12 Q. "Margin" being profit?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And so your forecast at this time, in 2017, was that for  
15 feed it would be \$400 per metric ton?

16 A. That was my assumption.

17 Q. Do you have a rough estimate as to what that translates  
18 to by way of percent of sales?

19 A. I would have to run the numbers. I'm not that quick.  
20 I'm sorry.

21 Q. Would it surprise you if it was in the 20 to 25 percent  
22 range?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Next line, \$700 per metric ton for the supplements  
25 margin. What does that refer to?

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1 A. It was an assumption of what we would realize if we were  
2 to sell into supplements, the actual supplements market.

3 Q. So that would be human nutritional supplements, correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Next line might be a typo, but you can tell us. What did  
6 you have for the F&B margin -- is that food and beverage?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And what number do you understand that to be referring to  
9 in terms of the dollar amount per metric ton?

10 A. Clearly a typo here. Maybe I meant \$2,000.

11 Q. So the next line, the overall gross margin, 29 percent?

12 A. That would be a calculation of the model.

13 Q. Within the same exhibit, if I can refer you to Bates  
14 number -- the page ending in Bates number 430.

15 A. I'm there.

16 Q. And you'll see up top that first section heading  
17 "Generation II Product." Is that the Generation II product  
18 based on your Project Boost that you described earlier?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And the bullet point immediately facing that, the first  
21 one, "Every percentage point of omega-3 in the oil is worth  
22 about \$50 per metric ton of oil." Is that \$50 per metric ton  
23 more than something that would be a percentage less in terms  
24 of the omega-3?

25 A. Yes, that's the -- I was referring to as a range between

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1 30 and 50 in the direct.

2 Q. Okay. So these are the incremental amounts based on  
3 every additional percentage?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. You indicate we have a Boost R&D program that identifies  
6 and patents --

7 THE COURT: Well, a lot of this is a  
8 several-year-old projection, counsel. I mean, is that really  
9 relevant to what we're talking about today?

10 MR. SUNG: Your Honor, we think it is.

11 THE COURT: You have newer figures.

12 MR. SUNG: We do, and we're going to get to the  
13 comparison between the newer figures and the earlier  
14 projections to help highlight the unpredictability of these  
15 projections.

16 THE COURT: You think the unpredictability of which  
17 projections? The current ones or the old ones?

18 MR. SUNG: Well, I think the witness will be  
19 testifying that, as he'd already said, the ones that are most  
20 recent tend to be the most accurate.

21 THE COURT: Yeah.

22 MR. SUNG: But at the same time, from year to year,  
23 the projections themselves aren't necessarily accurate. It  
24 would be our position later, Your Honor, that that means,  
25 similarly, that today's projections are similarly

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1 unpredictable.

2 THE COURT: Well, we're spending an awful lot of  
3 time on this.

4 MR. SUNG: I'll endeavor to move on.

5 BY MR. SUNG:

6 Q. If I can refer you to Exhibit or tab CX-1878 within your  
7 binder.

8 THE COURT: 1870?

9 MR. SUNG: 1878, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: 1878.

11 THE WITNESS: I'm there.

12 BY MR. SUNG:

13 Q. And do you recognize this document, Dr. Gromov?

14 A. Yes. It's an e-mail chain.

15 MR. SUNG: Your Honor, we'd like to move into  
16 evidence Exhibit CX-1878.

17 MR. DILLON: No objection, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: It will be admitted.

19 (Exhibit CX-1878 received in evidence.)

20 BY MR. SUNG:

21 Q. Dr. Gromov, if I can take you to the very bottom e-mail  
22 which appears to be the earliest e-mail within that thread.  
23 Do you see that?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And do you recognize this to be an August 31, 2018 e-mail

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1 from you to Mr. Christiansen and Mr. Loh?

2 A. That's what the send field says, yes.

3 Q. And you were, according to this e-mail, sending them  
4 Nuseed's historical financials. Do you recall why you were  
5 doing that?

6 A. I do not.

7 Q. Did someone at Cargill request this information from you?

8 A. I don't think so.

9 Q. And if we can go up to the earlier e-mail thread. It  
10 appears to be a response from Mr. Christiansen about four  
11 minutes later, and it reads, "Interesting. What they were  
12 asking for royalties is significant in comparison to recent  
13 EBITA. It would be cheaper for BASF to buy entire biz as  
14 reasonable multiplier versus pay those types of royalties."

15 Do you have an understanding as to what Christiansen  
16 meant?

17 A. Not really.

18 Q. If I can refer you to CX-0577 in your binder.

19 A. I'm sorry. One more time, please.

20 Q. 0577.

21 A. I'm there.

22 Q. Do you have that tab, Your Honor?

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 BY MR. SUNG:

25 Q. And do you recognize this document, Dr. Gromov?

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1 A. Yes. It's an e-mail chain.

2 MR. SUNG: Your Honor, we'd like to move the  
3 admission of CX-0577 into evidence.

4 MR. DILLON: No objection.

5 THE COURT: All right.

6 (Exhibit CX-0577 received in evidence.)

7 BY MR. SUNG:

8 Q. And what does this e-mail refer to, Dr. Gromov?

9 A. Summarizes my conversation with people in CQN-Chile back  
10 in beginning of 2017.

11 Q. And in that first bullet point there's an indication,  
12 appears to be reflecting a conversation that you had with  
13 CQN-Chile, as you describe, and it states, "I got some Nuseed  
14 questions, as well. I stressed the complexity of execution  
15 and that we have somewhat different products (EPA vs. DHA)."

16 Is that reflecting your discussions with CQN in  
17 trying to distinguish your product?

18 A. This is my response to their question. They asked me  
19 about what about this other company, and I told them what I  
20 knew at the time.

21 Q. And when it follows on to say, "The difference did not  
22 seem to matter to Rodrigo," what does that refer to?

23 A. EPA versus DHA. Rodrigo did not have an opinion on  
24 really the value of those in salmon feed.

25 Q. And if we go all the way up to the top of this thread,

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1 which is apparently the last one chronologically, it appears  
2 to be from Willie Loh to you copying Mark Christiansen.

3 Would you agree with that?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And do you see Mr. Loh's statement that, "price pushback  
6 from a qualified customer is the sincerest form of purchase  
7 intent"?

8 A. I can read that as well.

9 Q. If I can turn you in your tab to CX-1560.

10 A. I'm there.

11 MR. SUNG: Your Honor?

12 BY MR. SUNG:

13 Q. And do you recognize this document?

14 A. I do. It's a PowerPoint slide.

15 Q. And if I can refer you within this document to Bates  
16 number 216.

17 THE COURT: Do you want this whole document?

18 MR. SUNG: Your Honor, we do.

19 THE COURT: All right. CX-1560 will be admitted.

20 (Exhibit CX-1560 received in evidence.)

21 BY MR. SUNG:

22 Q. And do you see the page at 216, Dr. Gromov?

23 A. In my binder, yes. I can see in my binder.

24 Q. Okay. The Bates number should be 216.

25 THE COURT: 216?

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1 BY MR. SUNG:

2 Q. Dr. Gromov, do you see this on your screen, that  
3 particular slide, slide 4 internal?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. When it refers to "base case earnings trajectory," what  
6 does base case mean to you?

7 A. Can't exactly recall. It probably refers to one of many  
8 scenarios that I had at the time.

9 Q. And as a frame of reference, does that mean there can be  
10 a more conservative or a more aggressive scenario?

11 A. It's quite possible.

12 Q. Do you typically run different scenarios at any point in  
13 time?

14 A. Not anymore, no.

15 Q. And so which of those types of scenarios that I listed  
16 would be what you would do today, for example? Is that a  
17 base case?

18 A. I call them base case, yes.

19 Q. If I can refer you two slides farther in. It's Bates  
20 number 219, but it looks like internal slide 6, if that would  
21 be helpful. Sorry. That, I don't believe, is the right  
22 page.

23 Sorry. That's internal slide 7. Do you see that,  
24 Dr. Gromov?

25 A. Yes.



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1 Q. So back in 2016 you listed out a number of risk factors  
2 that would affect your projected earnings for project  
3 Latitude; is that correct?

4 A. I did.

5 Q. And so this would be a summary of all the different  
6 considerations you undertook?

7 A. That's what I could think of at the time.

8 Q. And did you take into account any third-party  
9 intellectual property rights like CSIRO, GRDC, or Nuseed's in  
10 this assessment?

11 A. I did not.

12 Q. Let's take you in your binder to CX-0483. This is a  
13 document that's been admitted already.

14 I note it's small to see, but do you recognize this  
15 document generally?

16 A. Give me a second, please. I don't think it's in my  
17 binder.

18 Q. I'm sorry. We'll just follow -- because it's been  
19 admitted into evidence already, if you could just follow it  
20 on your screen.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. Do you recognize this document to be a version of your  
23 projections that you've put together, your financial  
24 projections with regard to project Latitude?

25 A. It looks like a really dated version, yes.

~~Gromov, D. - Cross~~

1 Q. When you say dated, how dated? Would 2017 be around that  
2 time? Earlier?

3 A. At least. I can't tell by looking at it.

4 Q. Now, when you prepare this document, you prepare it in  
5 the normal and ordinary course of your business at Cargill;  
6 is that correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And you don't have any reason today to dispute that this  
9 information was your best estimate when you created it, do  
10 you?

11 A. I do not.

12 Q. So if that data turned out to be inaccurate later, that  
13 would not change your answer to my last question, would it?

14 A. Could you repeat the question, please.

15 Q. That it would have been your best estimate at the time  
16 you created the document?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. So you'd agree that with regard to final projections,  
19 things do change over time, yes?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And there may be changes in assumptions? I think you  
22 mentioned some of those before.

23 A. I can guarantee there will be changes.

24 Q. And you may have different forecasts at any given time,  
25 is that also what you had mentioned?

~~Gromov, D. - Cross~~

1 A. That's right.

2 Q. When we met at your deposition, do you recall making a  
3 statement with respect to your projections of Project Boost,  
4 that you run multiple timelines in assessing the financial  
5 projections?

6 A. I do not recall that statement.

7 Q. Do you recall making a statement that with regard to --

8 THE COURT: Where is the deposition?

9 MR. SUNG: I'm sorry, Your Honor?

10 THE COURT: Where's the deposition?

11 MS. SUMMERS: We have it right here.

12 THE COURT: You don't question anybody on a  
13 deposition if I don't have a copy of it.

14 MR. SUNG: I was just going to ask him whether he  
15 recalled --

16 THE COURT: Well, you're not going to ask him unless  
17 I've got the deposition.

18 MR. SUNG: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: Where are you?

20 MR. SUNG: Referring you to Page 97 within the  
21 deposition transcript.

22 THE COURT: All right. What line?

23 MR. SUNG: It's going to be line 13, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: All right.

25 MR. SUNG: May I simply just read the question and

~~Gromov, D. - Cross~~

1 answer to the witness?

2 THE COURT: Well, what's the point? It's consistent  
3 with what he said. Why are you reading this into evidence?

4 MR. SUNG: I think part of it is understanding what  
5 he means when he talks about making predictions, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: I think it's consistent with what he  
7 said. Let's move on.

8 BY MR. SUNG:

9 Q. Dr. Gromov, you mentioned with regard to first mover  
10 advantage that you didn't see any in this particular  
11 instance; is that correct?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. So under the circumstances of the fish feed trials in  
14 Chile, I think you've already testified that there was no  
15 need for Cargill to invest in the testing where the farmers  
16 had already tested the Aquaterra product successfully? Is  
17 that your understanding?

18 A. There was just the opinion of one single farmer. I don't  
19 think it reflects everybody's opinion.

20 Q. Okay. And you've also mentioned that Cargill is still  
21 using LFK as a benchmark, correct?

22 A. We used it in 2019 trials in Montana. That's my  
23 understanding.

24 Q. And you had been using them up through 2019, as well, for  
25 that same purpose?

~~Gromov, D. - Cross~~

1 A. That is my understanding.

2 Q. And the Boost project continues to use LFK genes in their  
3 plants?

4 A. It's the same elite event that we were given by BASF.  
5 I'm risking mixing up terminology, but I think it's a yes.

6 Q. And you've also mentioned earlier on with Cargill Aqua  
7 Nutrition that after Cargill purchased EWOS, that it is now  
8 Cargill Aqua Nutrition would be a buyer potentially of  
9 Latitude; is that correct?

10 A. A potential buyer as well, yes.

11 Q. And, similarly, if Cargill were allowed to sell Latitude,  
12 Cargill would be selling Latitude to Cargill, correct?

13 A. Yeah. CQN could be our customer, yes, CQN could be a  
14 customer of GEOS.

15 MR. SUNG: Thank you, Dr. Gromov. I don't have any  
16 further questions, Your Honor.

17 MR. DILLON: Your Honor, there's no need for  
18 redirect.

19 THE COURT: I'm sorry?

20 MR. DILLON: There's no need for redirect. The  
21 witness can be excused.

22 THE COURT: Can the witness be excused?

23 MR. SUNG: No, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: What?

25 MR. SUNG: I'm sorry, your question was?

1 THE COURT: May the witness be excused?

2 MR. SUNG: Yes, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right. Dr. Gromov, you are excused  
4 with the understanding that you won't discuss your testimony  
5 with any other witness in the case until the case is  
6 concluded.

7 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: You can remain in the courtroom, if you  
9 wish, since you finished testifying, or you can be excused  
10 and go about your regular job.

11 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

12 (The witness was excused.)

13 THE COURT: Well, I normally give the jury a few  
14 extra minutes for lunch, but I can go with just an hour if  
15 that's all right with counsel. So let's take a recess until  
16 2:00.

17 (Recess from 1:02 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

18 MR. ZAHEER: Your Honor, before we get started with  
19 the next witness, I wanted to flag an evidentiary issue  
20 that's pending before you that pertains to this witness. In  
21 our motion in limine number 7, we moved to exclude a certain  
22 license agreement that we understand this witness will be  
23 seeking to introduce. It's PX-451. And it is in the binder  
24 that I understand that is in front of Your Honor.

25 The issue that we raised in our motion was that that

1 agreement was not produced during discovery. The first time  
2 it was produced was alongside Mr. Napper's expert report, the  
3 expert report for opponents.

4 THE COURT: This is a patent?

5 MR. ZAHEER: It's a license.

6 THE COURT: Oh, I'm looking at 415. 451. Excuse  
7 me.

8 MR. ZAHEER: 451, Your Honor, yes.

9 THE COURT: Okay. This is a license between whom?

10 MR. ZAHEER: Between BASF and the University of  
11 Hamburg. This is an agreement that was never produced during  
12 discovery. It was only produced after our expert had already  
13 provided opinions when their expert provided their rebuttal  
14 opinions. It was produced with that report and relied upon  
15 by it.

16 We had sought this exact type of document during  
17 discovery. We had noticed a 30(b)(6) deposition on it, and  
18 the 30(b)(6) deposition witness was unable to provide any  
19 details about this agreement during deposition, and so for  
20 those reasons we think that, given the late production of the  
21 document, the reliance on it by their expert on a document  
22 that had never been produced, we would move to exclude the  
23 document.

24 MS. ANAND: Hello, Your Honor. Nitya Anand on  
25 behalf of BASF.

1           This particular agreement was produced in -- at the  
2 beginning of July during expert discovery. It was not  
3 relevant prior to that time. It was not responsive to any  
4 document request by proponents. And it became relevant when  
5 Mr. Napper reviewed the expert report of Mr. Jarosz and was  
6 drafting his rebuttal report. At that time, the document was  
7 produced.

8           THE COURT: Wait a minute. Why was it not relevant  
9 before?

10          MS. ANAND: It was not -- it was not responsive to  
11 any document request made by proponents during the fact  
12 discovery page. Dr. Andre mentioned that he was aware of  
13 this collaboration that existed during the -- his fact  
14 deposition but --

15          THE COURT: When was that?

16          MS. ANAND: That was in, I believe, March or April  
17 of this year. But it was not requested during Dr. Andre's  
18 deposition. There was no motion to compel this exhibit.

19          THE COURT: What collaboration are you referring to?

20          MS. ANAND: This is the collaboration between BASF  
21 and the University of Hamburg. It's actually been referenced  
22 multiple times in this proceeding already by both Dr. Andre,  
23 Dr. Bauer. I believe proponents even asked Dr. Bauer some  
24 questions about the collaboration between BASF and the  
25 University of Hamburg in their cross of Dr. Bauer.



1           So it's been referenced multiple times in this  
2 proceeding already without objection. This is the actual  
3 agreement underlying that collaboration.

4           THE COURT: And this was relied upon by?

5           MS. ANAND: This was relied upon by Mr. Napper in  
6 his damages rebuttal report. This was provided prior to --

7           THE COURT: And somebody provided it?

8           MS. ANAND: Yes, it has been provided. It was  
9 provided on July 1st prior to depositions in this case.  
10 Mr. Jarosz testified --

11          THE COURT: Prior to what depositions?

12          MS. ANAND: Prior to experts' depositions, Your  
13 Honor. Mr. Jarosz testified about it at his expert  
14 deposition, Mr. Napper testified about it at his expert  
15 deposition, and Dr. Kunst was even shown this particular  
16 document at her expert deposition, Your Honor.

17          MR. ZAHEER: We requested this at the outset of  
18 discovery. We sought a deposition on it, the deposition  
19 witness who was their corporate representative.

20          THE COURT: You requested this?

21          MR. ZAHEER: Yes. We requested all licenses and all  
22 licenses they would seek to rely upon in support of an expert  
23 opinion, and the first time we even saw this agreement was  
24 the day that we received their expert report, and the  
25 deposition she's referring to occurred just a few days

1       thereafter.

2               This is not how discovery works, Your Honor. They  
3       can't rely on a license as the basis for an expert opinion  
4       when they never produced it in discovery, and they never even  
5       produced information about it during the 30(b)(6) deposition  
6       that was specifically on licenses between BASF and other  
7       parties.

8               MS. ANAND: I would just add one other thing, Your  
9       Honor. This was not an agreement that had been requested  
10      prior to Dr. Andre's deposition, and it was produced.

11              THE COURT: They asked for all licenses.

12              MS. ANAND: They asked for -- the language is not  
13      quite as -- this is a slightly different type of agreement,  
14      Your Honor, as Dr. Andre will testify to the contents of this  
15      collaboration between BASF and University of Hamburg.

16              THE COURT: Well, it's not a license. It's a  
17      collaboration agreement. Did somebody license technology or  
18      what?

19              MS. ANAND: There was not technology licensed in  
20      this.

21              THE COURT: What is this?

22              MS. ANAND: This was a collaboration between BASF  
23      and the University of Hamburg.

24              THE COURT: Well, I remember there was some  
25      testimony about that.

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 MS. ANAND: Yes, you're right, Your Honor. There  
2 was. There was testimony about this. And it is a  
3 collaboration that resulted in a number of patents and other  
4 types of technology being developed.

5 And I would note, Your Honor, just as a final thing,  
6 proponents have also produced numerous documents, both after  
7 depositions of fact witnesses had already occurred, including  
8 their only financial document that they produced, and even as  
9 late as September, August, last week.

10 THE COURT: Well, that's not before me.

11 MS. ANAND: Understandable. I understand, Your  
12 Honor.

13 THE COURT: If this was made available in July, I'm  
14 going to overrule the objection.

15 MS. ANAND: Thank you, Your Honor.

16 So as our next witness, opponents call back to the  
17 stand Dr. Carl Andre.

18 THE CLERK: Do you want him resworn?

19 THE COURT: I think he testified under oath before.  
20 You are still under oath, Dr. Andre.

21 THE WITNESS: Understand, Your Honor.

22 CARL ANDRE, called by BASF, having been previously  
23 duly sworn, was examined and testified further as follows:

24 DIRECT EXAMINATION

25 BY MS. ANAND:

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 Q. Welcome back, Dr. Andre.

2 A. Hi.

3 Q. Thanks for sticking with us through this entire trial. I  
4 know it's been a long time, and we really appreciate it.

5 Can we get PDX-402, please.

6 So I'd like to talk to you about BASF's efforts  
7 related to its LFK elite event. You've seen this slide  
8 previously in your previous testimony. Can you remind us  
9 what is shown in this slide?

10 A. Sure. So this slide depicts the DNA that we have in our  
11 elite event, and each arrow is an enzyme that we put into our  
12 elite event, and next to those arrows are symbols for the  
13 entities where we obtained those genes or enzymes from.

14 So if I walk around the circle, at the top yellow  
15 arrow is a delta-5 desaturase that comes from Bioriginal.  
16 Going clockwise around, next is a red arrow with delta-4  
17 desaturase, also from Bioriginal. The next red arrow is a  
18 different delta-4 desaturase from Amaethon or the University  
19 of York. They're the same with two names.

20 The next one is a delta-5 elongase from the  
21 University of Hamburg. At the bottom is a delta-6 elongase  
22 also from the University of Hamburg. And then we have a  
23 delta-5 desaturase from Bioriginal. That's actually the same  
24 one that's at the top of the circle, it's just in there  
25 twice. And then we have a delta-6 desaturase from the

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 University of Hamburg, and another delta-6 elongase, this  
2 time from Amaethon. And then finally there's one of the gray  
3 arrows in here comes from the University of Hamburg also.

4 Q. Thank you. You mentioned the gray arrows. There's a few  
5 of them in this chart.

6 What does those arrows represent?

7 A. Those are -- so all the other color coding is for steps  
8 in the pathway to make a DHA. The gray arrows are accessory  
9 reactions that result in the production of higher amounts of  
10 EPA and DHA, but they are not part of the pathway that we've  
11 been talking about.

12 Q. And why did BASF add --

13 THE COURT: I don't understand. They're in there  
14 because they would result in higher quantities of omega-3s?

15 THE WITNESS: That's correct, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: In the plant?

17 THE WITNESS: That's correct. They --

18 THE COURT: But they're not necessary to create the  
19 DNA. They just -- I don't mean DNA. They're not necessary  
20 to create the omega-3. It will be created without them, but  
21 they will enhance how much omega-3 is in the final product;  
22 is that right?

23 THE WITNESS: Yeah, that's correct. So they provide  
24 more starting material for the pathway to act on.

25 BY MS. ANAND:

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 Q. Well, is that part of the so-called Boost Project or  
2 what?

3 A. No. It's independent of the Boost. It's -- I think the  
4 other party has similar reactions, and they were explaining  
5 it's a couple reactions in front of the pathway so that the  
6 pathway has as much starting material as it possibly can to  
7 finally make the DHA. So they support the pathway but  
8 they're not part of it.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 BY MS. ANAND:

11 Q. So you mentioned that BASF got some of these genes  
12 through collaborations with University of Hamburg, Amaethon,  
13 and Bioriginal. I'd like to walk through each of those  
14 collaborations a little bit further.

15 Can you please turn in your binder to the exhibit  
16 marked PX-451.

17 A. I'm here.

18 Q. Do you recognize this document?

19 A. I do.

20 Q. What is it?

21 A. This is the agreement between BASF and the University of  
22 Hamburg.

23 Q. Just to be clear, Dr. Andre, do you speak German?

24 A. I don't. And I think the reason you're asking me is  
25 because this is in German language.

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1 Q. That's correct. So how are you able to identify this  
2 document as the agreement between BASF and the University of  
3 Hamburg?

4 A. Several reasons. One is as my role as project manager, I  
5 have a lot of German colleagues, and we can discuss German  
6 documents with their input, and on the first page it's  
7 also -- BASF is the same in English and German, and Hamburg  
8 is the same, and so I can recognize elements to know exactly  
9 what this is.

10 Q. Is this agreement currently in effect?

11 A. Yes, it is.

12 Q. And is this an agreement that BASF keeps in the ordinary  
13 course of business?

14 A. Yes.

15 MS. ANAND: Your Honor, we would move to admit  
16 PX-451.

17 MR. ZAHEER: Same objections, and also lack of  
18 foundation and hearsay, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: All right. The Court will admit PX-451.  
20 (Exhibit PX-451 received in evidence.)

21 MS. ANAND: Thank you.

22 BY MS. ANAND:

23 Q. Could you next turn in your binder to CX-1031.

24 THE COURT: Wait a minute. This pathway we just  
25 showed, is that the pathway that is being used by Cargill to

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 produce the product they propose it to sell?

2 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right. And that pathway has been  
4 determined to infringe one or more patents?

5 THE WITNESS: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Are they the Group A patents that it  
7 infringes?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: All right. I may be anticipating  
10 something that's going to come later, but we've spent half a  
11 day on one witness. At this rate, I don't know when we'll  
12 finish.

13 MS. ANAND: We don't expect to take an extended  
14 period of time with Dr. Andre. Maybe half an hour, Your  
15 Honor.

16 THE COURT: Are you familiar with the results of the  
17 jury's verdict?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: And that it found infringement against  
20 all of the Group A patents?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 THE COURT: And that's it?

23 THE WITNESS: Yes.

24 THE COURT: Can Cargill or BASF, between them,  
25 change their pathway so that it doesn't infringe any of the



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1 patents that they have found to be infringing? In other  
2 words, can they design around the type A patents?

3 THE WITNESS: Not before the expiration of those  
4 patents. So it would -- it's possible. It would take going  
5 back to the very beginning and designing a new elite event  
6 that doesn't infringe and then repeating all of the  
7 regulatory studies and the breeding that we've heard about  
8 that Cargill did.

9 So it would take a lot of time and a lot of money,  
10 and it's not possible to do it before the expiration of those  
11 patents.

12 THE COURT: Which is five years away?

13 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

14 THE COURT: So you think it would take, then, five  
15 years to design around the Group A patents?

16 THE WITNESS: At least. At least.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MS. ANAND: Thank you.

19 THE COURT: You may proceed.

20 MS. ANAND: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 BY MS. ANAND:

22 Q. Could you please turn to CX-1031 in your binder.

23 A. I'm here.

24 Q. Are you there, Your Honor?

25 THE COURT: No. PX?

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1 MS. ANAND: CX, Your Honor. CX-1031.

2 THE COURT: It's the last one?

3 MS. ANAND: Yes, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Okay. I got it.

5 BY MS. ANAND:

6 Q. Could you turn to Page 2 of that document which has the  
7 Bates number CSI 00390282.

8 A. I'm there.

9 Q. Do you recognize this document?

10 A. I do.

11 Q. What is it?

12 A. It's an English language translation of the agreement  
13 between the University of Hamburg and BASF.

14 Q. Does this translation reflect the terms of the Hamburg  
15 agreement as you understand them?

16 A. Yes.

17 MS. ANAND: We would move to admit CX-1031.

18 MR. ZAHEER: Objection. This is not a BASF  
19 document. This is a translation prepared by proponents, Your  
20 Honor.

21 THE COURT: Are you objecting to the translation?  
22 Did you have it translated?

23 MR. ZAHEER: I don't think that the witness has  
24 foundation to admit this exhibit because it's not his  
25 document.

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1 THE COURT: Because what?

2 MR. ZAHEER: Because it's not a BASF document. This  
3 is a document that we prepared.

4 THE COURT: Well, I mean, he's worked with the  
5 document.

6 MR. ZAHEER: He hasn't worked with this English  
7 translation. This is a translation that we provided to them.

8 THE COURT: Well, he said he understood it, so I'm  
9 going to admit the document. I was worried about the  
10 accuracy of the translation, but if you -- if it's your  
11 translation, I'm not worried about it. All right.

12 (Exhibit CX-1031 received in evidence.)

13 BY MS. ANAND:

14 Q. Can you describe BASF's relationship with the University  
15 of Hamburg?

16 A. Sure. We knew that there was a professor there,  
17 Professor Ernst Heinz, who was an expert in the field that we  
18 were interested in, and we collaborated with his lab to  
19 identify genes and study the pathway for the synthesis of EPA  
20 and DHA, and through that collaboration, we discovered genes,  
21 we assembled the pathway as part of our proof of concept, and  
22 we identified, in particular, some of the genes in our elite  
23 event, and that includes the Acyl-CoA dependent desaturases  
24 and the bifunctional desaturases that we use.

25 THE COURT: What is the relevance of this document?

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1 The pathway works without the genes from Hamburg. The only  
2 thing they do is enhance it. So what relevance does this  
3 document have to the damages issue?

4 MS. ANAND: Your Honor, our economic expert,  
5 Mr. Brian Napper, who will be testifying later in this  
6 proceeding, relies on this agreement, among others, to  
7 establish an ongoing royalty rate that would be appropriate  
8 for certain of the patents, and so we are --

9 THE COURT: That wouldn't -- we don't need all the  
10 details on what went on between Hamburg and BASF --

11 MS. ANAND: Sure.

12 THE COURT: -- to decide the damages.

13 MS. ANAND: Sure. Okay. We can move on. That's  
14 fine.

15 BY MS. ANAND:

16 Q. Do you understand -- do you have any understanding of who  
17 owns any patent rights that result from the collaboration  
18 between BASF and Hamburg?

19 A. I do. BASF owns those rights.

20 Q. How much did BASF pay for the rights conveyed under this  
21 agreement?

22 A. We paid in the form of payment to the researchers, and it  
23 was about 150,000 Euro per year.

24 Q. Did any patents result from the collaboration between  
25 BASF and the University of Hamburg?

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1 A. Yes.

2 THE COURT: Did any what result?

3 MS. ANAND: Patents, Your Honor.

4 BY MS. ANAND:

5 Q. Could you take a look at PX-415 in your binder.

6 A. I have it.

7 THE COURT: Well, what does the -- what difference  
8 does all this make?

9 MS. ANAND: Your Honor, it matters because you have  
10 to rely on technologically comparable licenses -- licenses  
11 that convey technologically comparable patents in order to  
12 establish a royalty rate. As Mr. Napper will explain, the  
13 proponents' agreements were not comparable for a number of  
14 reasons. So he looked for his own agreements that would be  
15 technologically comparable.

16 Dr. Murphy, who will be testifying later by  
17 deposition, conducted a technological comparability analysis  
18 to determine that the patent rights licensed under these  
19 agreements were technologically comparable so that way so  
20 that Mr. Napper --

21 THE COURT: Is that a Group A patent?

22 MS. ANAND: Yes. Yes, Your Honor. It's part of  
23 Mr. Napper's analysis to determine whether or not these --

24 THE COURT: And he relied on Dr. Andre's findings to  
25 make that conclusion?

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1 MS. ANAND: He did. He relied on Dr. Andre to  
2 identify the components of the BASF elite event LFK that came  
3 from these various patents.

4 THE COURT: Why is it comparable?

5 THE WITNESS: The genes that we license from the  
6 University of Hamburg, you're correct, it includes one of  
7 those accessory reactions. We also licensed three genes that  
8 are a part of the actual pathway.

9 THE COURT: I didn't understand you to say that. I  
10 thought all of them -- well, I mean, the Hamburg genes  
11 weren't in the patents that were infringed?

12 MS. ANAND: So maybe it might help to go back to  
13 PTX-402.

14 THE COURT: Well, wait a minute.

15 MS. ANAND: Sure.

16 THE COURT: The genes that were developed in the  
17 collaboration between BASF and Hamburg are not part of the  
18 patents owned by the proponents that were found to be  
19 infringed, were they?

20 THE WITNESS: I think the claims of those patents  
21 cover activities. They cover a delta-6 desaturase that's  
22 Acyl-CoA dependent, for example, which would be one of the  
23 genes that we discovered with Hamburg. The patents --

24 THE COURT: But they weren't part of the patents  
25 that the proponent owns, were they? They didn't need to

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1 patent any of the genes that were discovered in the  
2 collaboration between Hamburg and BASF in order to make their  
3 patent valid?

4 THE WITNESS: They did use different genes, you're  
5 right, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Well, what you're saying is that these  
7 genes are comparable to the ones in the infringed patents?

8 THE WITNESS: I am. They have the same enzymatic --  
9 they have the same characteristics. They have a different  
10 sequence, but they have the same activity and specificity as  
11 the other ones in the patent.

12 THE COURT: So that's why you say that this patent  
13 is similar to the infringed patents?

14 THE WITNESS: I think the enzymes in this patent are  
15 similar, yes, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: What else is similar?

17 THE WITNESS: The pathway in itself. So as part of  
18 the -- one of the patents we got with the University of  
19 Hamburg describes all of the steps necessary to make EPA and  
20 DHA, and the patents that we were found to infringe also  
21 require the activity of all enzymes to make EPA, if I'm not  
22 mistaken.

23 So it describes activities, and it describes the  
24 combination of activities used to make EPA, and this  
25 technology that we worked on with the University of Hamburg

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1 is -- also describes pathways and enzymes that can be used to  
2 make EPA and DHA.

3 THE COURT: All right.

4 BY MS. ANAND:

5 Q. I believe we had turned to PX-415 in your binder, and  
6 what is this document?

7 A. This is a '228 patent that came about from that  
8 collaboration, and it has inventors from BASF and the  
9 University of Hamburg.

10 THE COURT: Now, what is this we're looking at?  
11 PX-what?

12 MS. ANAND: PX-415, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: CX?

14 MS. ANAND: PX.

15 THE COURT: Well, that's the same one.

16 MS. ANAND: Yes. Sorry, Your Honor, we're still on  
17 the same document. We would move to admit PX-415.

18 THE COURT: All right. PX-415 will be admitted.

19 (Exhibit PX-415 received in evidence.)

20 MS. ANAND: Thank you.

21 BY MS. ANAND:

22 Q. When did the '228 patent, PX-415, issue?

23 A. In September 2016.

24 Q. And when was the start date of the BASF/University of  
25 Hamburg agreement?



—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 A. It was late 1998, I think in November.

2 Q. Does the span of roughly 20 years between the agreement  
3 start date and the patent issue date tell you anything about  
4 the development of omega-3 technology?

5 A. I think it reflects the long amount of time that it takes  
6 to develop your technology.

7 Q. Can you next turn in your binder to PX-532. Do you  
8 recognize this document?

9 A. I do.

10 Q. What is it?

11 A. It's an agreement between BASF and Amaethon.

12 Q. And is this a document that BASF keeps in its ordinary  
13 course of business?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Is this agreement currently in effect?

16 A. Yes.

17 MS. ANAND: We would move to admit PX-532.

18 THE COURT: PX-532 will you admitted.

19 MS. ANAND: 532, Your Honor. Thank you.

20 THE COURT: 532.

21 (Exhibit PX-532 received in evidence.)

22 BY MS. ANAND:

23 Q. How does that agreement with Amaethon relate to the BASF  
24 LFK elite event?

25 A. Amaethon discovered some enzymes. There were two enzymes

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 from Amaethon that are included in our elite event in this  
2 agreement. This is our license agreement to use those.

3 Q. And could you take a look at Annex I. It's on the  
4 second-to-the-last page. The Bates number is BASF 00197251.

5 A. I see it.

6 Q. What is shown in Annex I?

7 A. These are the patent rights that BASF licensed from  
8 Amaethon.

9 Q. Could you next turn in your binder to JX-65. This is a  
10 document that has already been admitted in this case, but  
11 these are different excerpts.

12 A. I'm there.

13 Q. Do you recognize the front page of this document?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. What is it?

16 A. This is the agreement between BASF and Cargill.

17 Q. Could you turn to the next page that you have in your  
18 binder, and this is BASF 15753. What is this document?

19 A. This document is the agreement between BASF and  
20 Bioriginal that was embedded in the contract with Cargill.

21 Q. Why was the BASF/Bioriginal agreement embedded within the  
22 contract between BASF and Cargill?

23 A. I wasn't there at the time to make the decision. I think  
24 it was included as relevant information in something that  
25 both parties should be aware of in the context of their own

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 agreement.

2 Q. Does the BASF/Bioriginal agreement relate to BASF's LFK  
3 elite event?

4 A. Yes, it does.

5 Q. How?

6 A. There are several enzymes, as well as a promoter that we  
7 licensed from Bioriginal and are contained in our elite  
8 event.

9 Q. Could you just take a look at Annex I of this document.  
10 It's BASF 15780.

11 A. I see it.

12 Q. And you can flip to the next page, actually, which is  
13 section B of Annex I.

14 A. Okay.

15 THE COURT: Wait a minute. What are the last three?

16 MS. ANAND: The last three digits of the Bates  
17 number are 781, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: All right.

19 BY MS. ANAND:

20 Q. What is shown in Section B of Annex I?

21 A. These are the patent rights that Bioriginal had at the  
22 time that we obtained license to, and the top row pertains to  
23 fatty acid desaturases that are included in our elite event  
24 and are a part of the pathway, and the bottom row refers to a  
25 seed-specific promoter that we licensed.

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 Q. I want to switch topics a bit. You previously testified  
2 at length about the various work that BASF did to go from its  
3 collections of genes and promoters to the LFK elite event and  
4 the Cargill commercial product so we won't go into as much  
5 detail as that again.

6 But can we get PDX-404, please. Can you walk us  
7 through what is shown here on this slide?

8 A. This is a summary of the technology that we would need to  
9 come to a commercial product, which is shown at the very  
10 bottom, and Step 1 is identification of genes and promoters  
11 for the pathway. And I think that the blueprint, the patents  
12 that we found to be infringing, are part of Step 1.

13 Step 2 represents the vector technology that enables  
14 us to put the pathway into the plants. We talked about how  
15 hard it is to put that many genes into a plant. We licensed  
16 separate technology to do that.

17 Step 3 shows the optimization of the different genes  
18 to get the best pathway that we can.

19 Step 4 is our ability to transform canola, and this  
20 involved having a variety of canola that we could transform,  
21 which for BASF was the Kumily variety.

22 And Step 5 is all of the experiments and effort we  
23 went through to identify an elite event which involved  
24 transforming thousands of plants and screening for one.

25 And Step 6 refers to the breeding efforts of moving

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 the pathway out of the Kumily variety that we transformed and  
2 into Cargill's canola varieties.

3 And, finally, you have a product at the end. And I  
4 think your question earlier, Your Honor, about working around  
5 the patent, my answer was partly based on this slide, that in  
6 order to work around, we have to go all the way back to Step  
7 1 and then proceed through all of these steps again, and  
8 that's part of why it's not possible before the expiration  
9 date of the patents.

10 Q. So you mentioned after Step 5 you would have an elite  
11 event LFK in canola. What did BASF do with its elite event  
12 LFK in that Kumily line?

13 A. One thing we did is we started to do experiments on it to  
14 generate data to submit to regulatory agencies, and the other  
15 thing we did was we gave it to Cargill so that they could  
16 start their breeding activities.

17 Q. The LFK, Kumily -- LFK elite event in Kumily, is this the  
18 same elite event in Kumily that Dr. Gromov was testifying  
19 about during his testimony?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And do you have an understanding of the relationship  
22 between this LFK Kumily that was used in the deregulation  
23 petition and the '541 patent, or Group D patent?

24 A. The LFK in Kumily was used to generate the data that went  
25 into our dossier that was submitted to the USDA, and that was

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 a public document, and it contained an oil profile from LFK  
2 in Kumily.

3 And the '541 patent claims were targeted very  
4 specifically to that oil profile of LFK in Kumily that we  
5 reported in that document to the USDA.

6 Q. And you said that once you identified this LFK elite  
7 event in Kumily, you gave it to Cargill. What did Cargill do  
8 with it?

9 A. Cargill bred with it. So they put it into their own  
10 canola varieties and developed the hybrid events that  
11 Mr. Gromov was talking about.

12 Q. Did those hybrid varieties, are those covered by the  
13 Group D patent?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Moving on. Are you aware of whether the proponents have  
16 ever offered to license any of their patents to BASF?

17 A. I understand that they have, yes.

18 Q. Can you generally describe the nature of those  
19 discussions between BASF and proponents?

20 MR. ZAHEER: Objection. Rule 408, Your Honor.  
21 They're asking about settlement communications.

22 THE COURT: Well, I think when the Court is in the  
23 damage stage of this proceeding, acting as a finder of fact,  
24 that settlement negotiations should not be admissible. The  
25 fact that they offered to license it, I think, is admissible,

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 but the details of the negotiations would not be. So to the  
2 extent that you're seeking those, the Court will sustain the  
3 objection.

4 MS. ANAND: That's fine, Your Honor.

5 BY MS. ANAND:

6 Q. Just to confirm, Dr. Andre, you said you were aware of  
7 discussions regarding licensing of patents by -- from  
8 proponents to BASF, correct?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Can you turn to PX-533 in your binder. What is this  
11 document?

12 A. This is a spreadsheet I prepared summarizing the costs of  
13 BASF through the development of this product.

14 Q. Do these numbers accurately reflect BASF's total costs on  
15 the omega-3 project to date?

16 A. They do. With -- I'll explain that in the early years,  
17 there are a lot of zeros, and I will note that we were  
18 collaborating as early as 1998. So there may be some small  
19 costs that don't show up, but I think that overall it's  
20 pretty accurate.

21 Q. Is this information information that BASF keeps in the  
22 ordinary course of business?

23 A. Yes.

24 MS. ANAND: We would move to admit PX-533.

25 MR. ZAHEER: No objection.

—Andre, C. - Direct—

1 THE COURT: Okay. PX-533 will be admitted.

2 (Exhibit PX-533 received in evidence.)

3 BY MS. ANAND:

4 Q. Over what period of time does this spreadsheet cover?

5 A. From 1999 until 2018, the end of 2018.

6 Q. And in those roughly 20 years, how much has BASF spent on  
7 the omega-3 project?

8 A. At least \$202 million.

9 Q. If BASF were to try to design around the Group A patents,  
10 do you have an understanding of how much that would cost?

11 A. I do. So if we had to recreate an elite event as part of  
12 that work-around, we started elite event production, we can  
13 say, around 2012, and if you add the dollar amount from  
14 there, it's over \$100 million.

15 Q. What does the omega-3 project mean to BASF?

16 A. It's a really important project that we've invested in  
17 for nearly 20 years now, and almost \$200 million, and we saw  
18 from Dr. Gromov the amount of money that we're going to be  
19 getting back is -- takes a while to be positive, and it's not  
20 a huge amount. So it's -- this investment by BASF is  
21 signaling that we want to do something good, and we care  
22 about the sustainability of the product and sending that  
23 message to the world.

24 MS. ANAND: We pass the witness, Your Honor.

25 MR. ZAHEER: May I proceed?



~~Andre, C. - Cross~~

1 THE COURT: You may.

2 CROSS-EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. ZAHEER:

4 Q. Hello, again, Dr. Andre. How are you?

5 A. Good.

6 Q. Good to see you. You recall that I took your deposition  
7 in April?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you recall that at the time you were testifying as a  
10 corporate representative, or what we call a 30(b)(6) witness?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you understood at the time that you were speaking for  
13 the entire company and that your testimony would bind the  
14 company?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And you also understood at the time that you were  
17 required to prepare for your testimony, meaning you were  
18 required to identify BASF's corporate knowledge on the  
19 subject matter that was covered, right?

20 A. That's right.

21 Q. And one of those subject matters was BASF's licenses. Do  
22 you recall that?

23 A. I do.

24 Q. And you recall you testified that you were prepared to  
25 provide testimony on that subject matter at the time?

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 A. I spent a lot of time preparing.

2 Q. Understood.

3 And you also recall that I told you that were you to  
4 come to trial with new information that you were not able to  
5 provide at the deposition, then we would be able to identify  
6 that as an inconsistency in your testimony?

7 A. Sure.

8 Q. So let's talk about the Hamburg agreement, and that's  
9 PX-451. I asked you about that agreement. Do you recall  
10 that?

11 A. I do. I think you asked me about agreements in general,  
12 and then I volunteered that we had an agreement with Hamburg.

13 Q. Right. And you recall that I asked you what BASF had  
14 licensed under that agreement. Do you recall I asked you  
15 that question?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. And you recall that your answer was that you didn't know  
18 what was licensed under that agreement?

19 A. That's true.

20 Q. And do you recall that I asked you if BASF had ever paid  
21 a royalty to the University of Hamburg? Do you remember?

22 A. I think so, yeah.

23 Q. And do you recall your answer?

24 A. I don't think I knew at the time.

25 Q. You said that you did not believe that BASF had ever paid

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 any license fees to Hamburg. Do you recall that?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And you also recall that at the time I didn't have a copy  
4 of the agreement, so it's not something that I could have  
5 shown you to try to question you on that subject matter?

6 A. That's right.

7 Q. So the only way we could have known at the time during  
8 your corporate representative testimony about what the  
9 Hamburg agreement provided was if you had told us; is that  
10 fair?

11 A. It's fair.

12 Q. But you were unable to tell us any information because  
13 you don't know what was in the agreement?

14 A. Not everything that was in the agreement. I knew of it.  
15 And to this day, I don't think we've paid still any license  
16 fees to Hamburg.

17 Q. Because it's not a license agreement, right?

18 A. It's a collaboration agreement.

19 Q. It's a service agreement, isn't it?

20 A. I would call it a collaboration agreement.

21 Q. Well, let's take a look. I think you testified earlier  
22 that the date of the agreement is 1998?

23 A. That's right.

24 Q. And were you in any way involved in the negotiation of  
25 the Hamburg agreement?

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 A. Definitely not.

2 Q. What were you doing in 1998?

3 A. Graduating from high school.

4 Q. So you were not with BASF at the time?

5 A. No, I wasn't.

6 Q. And so you don't have any firsthand knowledge about the  
7 actual negotiations between BASF and Hamburg over this  
8 agreement?

9 A. I don't.

10 Q. You have no idea if Hamburg agreed to accept the payments  
11 under the agreement because of the intellectual property  
12 aspects or because of the service aspects or something else,  
13 do you?

14 A. I assume that all of those factors factored into the  
15 agreement in the end, but I don't know -- I don't know the  
16 details.

17 Q. Well, you're making an assumption, and I think the -- you  
18 may recall the Judge said something about making assumptions.  
19 You don't know, right?

20 A. No, I don't know.

21 Q. You don't know what the underlying economics behind the  
22 actual rates and monetary compensation under the agreement  
23 was, correct?

24 A. Only what I've read in the agreement.

25 Q. And you have no idea if at the time when this agreement

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 was signed in 1998 if Hamburg and BASF expected this to  
2 result in any patents, do you?

3 A. The agreement has some language in it about who would own  
4 the technology and that BASF had the right to file for  
5 patents.

6 Q. Right. But you don't know, because you were not there,  
7 whether they had an expectation that patents would actually  
8 result from this agreement, correct?

9 A. I don't know, but the language in there indicates to me  
10 that they had an expectation.

11 Q. And anything that you actually know about this agreement  
12 is from what others at BASF have told you; is that right?

13 A. More or less, yes.

14 Q. And who have you talked to about the agreement?

15 A. Stephan Krieger is one person; Joerg Bauer, a little bit;  
16 and probably others that I can't name.

17 Q. And so if we wanted to know what the actual thinking was  
18 behind the agreement, we should talk to the folks who  
19 actually know about the agreement or somebody at Hamburg.  
20 Would you agree with that?

21 A. Or read the agreement. I mean, it is what it is, and I  
22 don't think there's many agreements where the original  
23 negotiators are always available.

24 Q. You mentioned in your direct testimony that BASF gained  
25 rights to the '228 patent, which is PX, I think it's 415. We

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 don't have to bring that up. Can you show me -- let's go  
2 back to the Hamburg agreement, which is 451.

3 Can you show me where in the Hamburg agreement it  
4 refers to the '228 patent?

5 A. It doesn't refer specifically to that patent.

6 Q. Does it refer generally to that patent?

7 A. No. It refers to that BASF would own the results and  
8 that BASF could file for patents, and that was an example of  
9 a patent that came about from this agreement.

10 Q. And that is information that you've learned since April;  
11 is that right?

12 A. I knew of the patent and of the agreement. Piecing it  
13 all together was recent, yes.

14 Q. Right. Because when I asked you what was licensed under  
15 the agreement, you said you didn't know, right?

16 A. That's right.

17 Q. And so since the '228 patent is not mentioned in the  
18 agreement, then can we agree that the folks who actually  
19 negotiated the rates and the monetary compensation under the  
20 agreement, they could not have had the '228 patent in mind,  
21 right?

22 A. No, not that specific patent.

23 Q. Okay. And I think you testified earlier that you  
24 don't -- you don't read German, right?

25 A. I do not.

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 Q. But you still -- sometime before July, you spoke to  
2 Mr. Napper, the BASF expert, about the substance of this  
3 agreement, right?

4 A. That's right.

5 Q. And at the time you did not have a translation of the  
6 agreement; is that right?

7 A. No, I didn't.

8 Q. So you had not read the agreement when you told  
9 Mr. Napper about the contents of the agreement; is that  
10 right?

11 A. I hadn't read the German version, but it had been  
12 described to me by my German-speaking colleagues.

13 Q. So did Mr. Napper talk to your German-speaking colleagues  
14 or did he talk to you about it?

15 A. I know that he talked to me.

16 Q. So if he's relying on you, then he's relying on your  
17 second-hand information from your German-speaking colleagues  
18 about this agreement because you didn't read it before you  
19 talked to him about it, right?

20 A. Not the German version.

21 Q. Well, you didn't read the English version, either?

22 A. No. I didn't have that.

23 Q. Because that English version was provided by our side,  
24 right?

25 A. That's right.

~~Andre, C. - Cross~~

1 Q. So you had never read this agreement before you told  
2 Mr. Napper about what's in the agreement --

3 THE COURT: You've been over that enough. Move on.  
4 BY MR. ZAHEER:

5 Q. Let's go to paragraph 1.1. Sorry. I apologize. Let's  
6 go to the English version, which is in your direct binder.  
7 It's CX-1031.

8 And you see in the middle there, it says,  
9 "Specifically, this involves the identification, cloning, and  
10 characterization as well as the expression in homologous and  
11 heterologous hosts of various fatty acid biosynthesis genes."

12 A. I see that.

13 Q. So this was an agreement to search for genes, right?

14 A. And to express them in hosts and see if we could make EPA  
15 and DHA.

16 Q. Right. But at the time this agreement was entered, this  
17 was a research project. Wouldn't you agree with that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And after this agreement in 1998, BASF had to do a ton of  
20 work in order to figure out how to make those enzymes work  
21 together to produce DHA in a plant seed, right?

22 A. We did have work to do.

23 Q. Right. It took six or seven years after this before you  
24 were able to do that?

25 A. Well, in a plant seed, we had DHA in 2004 that was



—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 published in 2005. So that's what -- this agreement  
2 expired -- or ended in 2001. It's still active; it's not  
3 expired. So this was a couple years afterwards, yes.

4 Q. Well, I was referring actually to the time you entered.

5 So when the folks sat down to enter into this  
6 agreement, neither BASF nor Cargill -- excuse me -- neither  
7 BASF or Hamburg knew how to actually get DHA in a plant seed,  
8 right?

9 A. We hadn't done it yet.

10 Q. That took six more years after this?

11 A. Starting from '98, yes.

12 Q. So when BASF paid whatever it paid under this agreement  
13 at the time in 1998, and when they agreed to that amount of  
14 payment, they weren't paying for the technology that it would  
15 actually take to get DHA in a plant seed; isn't that fair?

16 A. I honestly don't know because I don't know the details,  
17 but I think we must have had a pretty good idea if we said  
18 this work was for making DHA and these are the things that we  
19 needed to look for to do it.

20 Q. You set out on a research project to try to figure it  
21 out, right?

22 A. I think so.

23 Q. But the answer was not something that you actually  
24 contracted for; isn't that fair?

25 A. I don't understand the question.

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 Q. The actual solution, the solution to producing DHA in a  
2 plant seed efficiently and effectively, that's not something  
3 that you bought when you bought this agreement, right?

4 A. We got any results out of the agreement, is my  
5 understanding, and in the agreement did result in producing  
6 EPA and DHA eventually in plant seeds.

7 Q. After six years, right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Were BASF and Hamburg competitors in any market or in  
10 this market when they entered into this agreement?

11 A. I don't think so.

12 Q. And I think that you mentioned this earlier but let me  
13 just confirm. This is not a license agreement, right?

14 A. It's a collaboration agreement, is my understanding.

15 Q. Can we go to paragraph 2 on Page 3, please. You see  
16 there under "compensation," it says, "To compensate for the  
17 services of the university." Do you see that?

18 A. I see that.

19 Q. Isn't it fair to call this a service agreement rather  
20 than a license or royalty agreement?

21 A. I would call it a collaboration. To me, a service is we  
22 send you a sample, and you analyze it with no thought. This  
23 was a coming together of minds, and we got publications and  
24 results out of it. So I still think of it as a  
25 collaboration.

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 Q. But it's in the agreement, it says you're being --

2 THE COURT: Okay. What difference does it make?

3 Let's move on.

4 BY MR. ZAHEER:

5 Q. This agreement expired in 2001; is that right?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And the '226 patent, which is the patent that you linked  
8 to this agreement, that wasn't issued until 2018, right?

9 A. '16, I think. 2016.

10 Q. Well, it wasn't issued until 18 to 20 years later?

11 A. Much later, that's right.

12 Q. Let's go to the University of York agreement, which is  
13 PX-532, please. Let's go to Page 15, which is the Bates  
14 ending in 250.

15 This agreement was entered into in 2005, correct?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. And you didn't have any involvement in the negotiation of  
18 this agreement either, right?

19 A. No, I didn't.

20 Q. So you don't know why the University of York accepted the  
21 royalty arrangement that is set forth here, correct?

22 A. They must have found it agreeable, is all I can say. I  
23 don't know any other details.

24 Q. Right. You'd have to guess, right?

25 And you recall that when I asked you about this

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 agreement at your deposition, you said that you didn't even  
2 know if you had ever seen it. Do you recall that?

3 A. I honestly don't, but I'll take your word for it.

4 Q. And all of the information you had about this agreement  
5 at the time was from Andy Beadle?

6 A. Yeah. As part of my -- when I interviewed him in  
7 preparation.

8 Q. And Mr. Beadle is the same person that we saw on the  
9 deposition video last week. Do you recall that?

10 A. I do.

11 Q. And you recall that he couldn't remember much of anything  
12 about the MTEA agreement from 2008?

13 A. That's right.

14 Q. So are you relying on Mr. Beadle's recollection of an  
15 agreement from 2005 even though when he testified he couldn't  
16 remember the details of an agreement from 2008?

17 A. I guess I was. I mean, I've read the agreement since.

18 Q. Were the University of York and BASF competitors at the  
19 time they entered into this agreement?

20 A. I don't think so.

21 Q. This is what you would call a collaboration, right?

22 A. This is really more of just a license.

23 Q. Did this agreement license the use of an Acyl-CoA pathway  
24 to obtain DHA in a plant seed?

25 A. I think it is specific to a couple of enzymes, is my

~~Andre, C. - Cross~~

1 understanding.

2 Q. Well, when I asked you at your deposition you said it  
3 covered a single enzyme, right?

4 A. I might have.

5 Q. So if it covered more than that, then that would -- that  
6 second enzyme wouldn't have been important enough for you to  
7 remember; is that fair?

8 A. Well, I think I had a lot of information to cover at that  
9 deposition.

10 Q. All right. Let's go to JX-65, please. That's the  
11 commercialization agreement with Bioriginal that you  
12 discussed.

13 MR. ZAHEER: And let's go to the Bates ending in  
14 529, Mr. Boles, please.

15 Sorry. In JX-65 we want to go to the Bates ending  
16 in 529. I'm sorry, 530.

17 BY MR. ZAHEER:

18 Q. Well, let's just go through the agreement.

19 You also didn't have any involvement in negotiating  
20 the Bioriginal agreement, right?

21 A. No.

22 Q. And you also testified that this license was on a single  
23 enzyme at your deposition. Do you recall that?

24 A. Not exactly, but if that's what I said, that's what I  
25 said.

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 Q. Right. You said -- you recall testifying that, "I think  
2 this license is a -- on a desaturase, but I can't say for  
3 certain which one"? Does that sound right?

4 A. That's right.

5 Q. So at the time you thought there was just one desaturase  
6 or one enzyme that was licensed under this agreement, right?

7 A. I don't think I knew for sure.

8 Q. Just one step in the pathway?

9 A. Again, I don't think I knew for sure.

10 MR. ZAHEER: Let's go to the Bates ending in 764,  
11 Mr. Boles, and let's blow up that first large paragraph.

12 BY MR. ZAHEER:

13 Q. Do you see there it says in the middle, "Such amount of a  
14 percentage basically shall be 2 percent of the net sales  
15 price"?

16 A. I see that.

17 Q. Right. And so this agreement provided for a 2 percent  
18 royalty; is that right?

19 A. It's my understanding.

20 Q. And so it was a 2 percent royalty on a single enzyme; is  
21 that right?

22 A. No. In this case, it's -- I think I went through in my  
23 direct testimony -- two enzymes and a promoter.

24 Q. Okay. And that's -- that was the value that BASF got for  
25 the 2 percent, right?

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 A. That's what I understand.

2 Q. And, again, in your deposition you thought it was just on  
3 a single desaturase. Do you recall that?

4 A. I think I wasn't sure.

5 Q. Was Bioriginal a competitor of BASF when they entered  
6 into this agreement?

7 A. I don't think so.

8 Q. You mention that --

9 MR. ZAHEER: We can take that down.

10 BY MR. ZAHEER:

11 Q. You mention that BASF and Cargill -- strike that.

12 You mention that BASF had spent more than \$200  
13 million investment in developing the technology that it  
14 ultimately provided to Cargill in its agreement, right?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And the way that you were compensated for that or will be  
17 compensated is a 60/40 profit share; is that right?

18 A. That's right.

19 Q. So in order to recoup BASF's investment for all of the  
20 investment that you put into the technology, you're expecting  
21 a return on that 40 percent investment, right?

22 A. That's right.

23 Q. And that 40 percent is what Cargill is effectively paying  
24 for getting the technology from you, right?

25 A. And all of the regulatory work -- I think there's a lot

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 built into that number beyond simply the technology.

2 Q. Right, but we've heard about that there was a hand-off in  
3 2015, right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you recall that when you handed it off to Cargill,  
6 the technology you were giving them was getting somewhere  
7 between 5 and 6.5 percent EPA?

8 A. I think those are the numbers that are in our regulatory  
9 documents, yes.

10 Q. All right. So when you handed it over to Cargill, you  
11 gave them a product that was below 7 percent EPA, right?

12 A. I think when we handed it to them, it actually had more,  
13 and later experiments that went into our regulatory work were  
14 more like the numbers that you're getting.

15 Q. And it was less than 1 percent DHA; is that right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And that's what Cargill is paying you 40 percent for; is  
18 that right?

19 A. I think they're paying us 40 percent also for the  
20 regulatory work that we do, which is an enormous amount of  
21 work. So I go back. I think it's more than just the  
22 technology that they're paying for.

23 Q. You talked about non-infringing alternatives. Can we  
24 pull up JX-61 at Page 40, please. When we talk about BASF's  
25 pathway --



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1 MS. ANAND: Objection. I don't have JX-61, at  
2 Page 40, in my binder.

3 MR. ZAHEER: It's in the sleeve.

4 BY MR. ZAHEER:

5 Q. Do you recognize that? It's in evidence. That's the  
6 deregulation petition.

7 A. I know it.

8 Q. And if you flip it over, that's Page 40.

9 And if we can go down, Mr. Boles.

10 The Table 4, that describes all of the enzymes in  
11 the pathway, right?

12 A. That's right.

13 Q. Okay.

14 And, Mr. Boles, can we pull up PDX-403 side by side  
15 with the '357 patent.

16 You were asked some questions during your direct  
17 about designing around the Group A patents. Do you recall  
18 that?

19 A. I do.

20 Q. And if we look here, we can see that if we're looking at  
21 the pathway from ALA to DHA, it takes five enzymes, right?

22 A. That's right.

23 Q. And we've color coded it in the sort of BASF style here,  
24 but if you look to the right, if we look at claim 33 of the  
25 '357 patent, you can see there that each of those steps is

—Andre, C. - Cross—

1 covered by part of the claim, right?

2 A. I see that.

3 Q. Okay. And so you would agree with me that this claim  
4 covers the entire pathway to DHA, right?

5 A. It doesn't list a specific delta-4 desaturase enzyme, but  
6 it does mention that the cell is capable of synthesizing DHA.

7 Q. And we can agree that since it's capable of synthesizing  
8 DHA, then that would mean that there's a delta-4 desaturase,  
9 right?

10 A. It's not listed. It -- presumably, that activity is  
11 there, but, I mean, to get down to it, there's other ways to  
12 make DHA.

13 Q. But when BASF does this in its own work, it uses a  
14 delta-4 desaturase, right?

15 A. We do, yes.

16 Q. In order to satisfy that part of the claim, right?

17 A. In order to make DHA, yes.

18 Q. Which satisfies that part of the claim, right?

19 A. It does.

20 Q. Right. And if we go to the next highlight, we can also  
21 agree that BASF also uses the part of this claim that covers  
22 an Acyl-CoA desaturase at three different positions in its  
23 pathway?

24 A. Certainly, at two positions.

25 Q. Right. And likely at three, right?

—Andre, C. - Redirect—

1 A. Yeah. I think we wrote something like that.

2 Q. Can you, sitting here today, think of how BASF would  
3 design around this patent, the '357 patent, to get DHA in a  
4 seed without using the enzymes that are shown here or without  
5 using an Acyl-CoA desaturase?

6 A. Sure. We could use the PKS pathway, which is  
7 completely -- uses completely different enzymes.

8 Q. Right. And are you aware of anybody successfully  
9 producing a commercial product in a plant based on the PKS  
10 pathway?

11 A. Commercial product, no, but people have successfully  
12 produced EPA and DHA with that pathway.

13 Q. But not at commercial levels, right?

14 A. Well, it depends on their business decision about what's  
15 commercial.

16 Q. How long would it take for BASF to develop a  
17 PKS-pathway-based product, if that's even possible?

18 A. It would take a long time.

19 Q. More than even five or ten years, right?

20 A. I would say so, yeah.

21 MR. ZAHEER: Pass the witness.

22 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MS. ANAND:

24 Q. Just a couple follow-up questions. When Mr. Zaheer asked  
25 you about the various agreements at your deposition, did you

1 have those agreements in front of you?

2 A. No.

3 Q. And just a few minutes ago I believe Mr. Zaheer asked  
4 about the work done by BASF and the 40 percent positive  
5 product EBIT split. Do you remember that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. How much did BASF pay for the regulatory work that it  
8 did?

9 A. That's probably half or more of the 200 million that we  
10 talked about.

11 Q. And under the BASF/Cargill agreement, BASF was  
12 responsible for conducting that regulatory work and  
13 deregulation, correct?

14 A. Yes.

15 MS. ANAND: I have nothing further.

16 THE COURT: Can this witness be excused?

17 MR. ZAHEER: Yes, Your Honor.

18 MS. ANAND: Yes, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: All right, Dr. Andre. You may be  
20 excused with the understanding that you will not discuss your  
21 testimony with any other witness in the case. Since you've  
22 been excused, you may remain in the courtroom, if you wish,  
23 or you can go back to your regular job.

24 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

25 (The witness was excused.)

1 MS. SHAW: Your Honor, I believe at this time we'd  
2 like to play the deposition of Dr. Murphy.

3 THE COURT: Always a dangerous thing to do in the  
4 afternoon.

5 MS. SHAW: I agree.

6 THE COURT: But if that's what you want to do...

7 MS. SHAW: I think this might be a good time to do  
8 it.

9 THE COURT: All right.

10 MS. SHAW: Would you like a copy of the transcript  
11 as well, Your Honor?

12 THE COURT: Well, yes, it couldn't hurt.

13 MS. SHAW: I believe there's some exhibits in there  
14 that we'd seek admission of, as well.

15 THE COURT: I remember one deposition the witness  
16 spent the whole time looking at a document and we didn't have  
17 the document. I can't remember whose witness it was. He  
18 spent his whole time looking at a document, and we didn't  
19 have the document.

20 MS. SHAW: Your Honor, may we go ahead?

21 THE COURT: Yes.

22 (The video deposition of Denis J. Murphy, Ph.D., was  
23 played in open court.)

24 THE COURT: We'll now proceed with  
25 cross-examination.

1 MS. SHAW: Before we begin the cross-examination of  
2 Dr. Murphy, we would move to admit PX-416, PX-417, and  
3 PX-927, which were not objected to.

4 THE COURT: Also, PX-415, or was that already in?

5 MS. SHAW: PX-416, 417, and 927.

6 THE COURT: All right. Those exhibits will be  
7 admitted.

8 (Exhibits PX-416, PX-417, and PX-927 received in  
9 evidence.)

10 (Video played in open court.)

11 MS. SHAW: Your Honor, I believe there's a short  
12 redirect, if we could play that.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 (Video played in open court.)

15 MR. ZAHEER: As a housekeeping matter, we would move  
16 to admit CX-2000.

17 THE COURT: What was that?

18 MR. ZAHEER: CX-2000.

19 THE COURT: CX-2000 will be admitted.

20 (Exhibit CX-2000 received in evidence.)

21 MR. ZAHEER: Thank you.

22 THE COURT: All right. What do you have next?

23 MS. SHAW: Your Honor, we have our last witness, but  
24 I would appreciate a short break before we brought him on, if  
25 that would be possible.

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1 THE COURT: All right. We'll take a 20-minute  
2 recess.

3 (Recess from 3:56 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.)

4 THE COURT: All right.

5 MS. SHAW: Your Honor, we call Brian Napper.

6 (The witness was sworn.)

7 THE COURT: How do you spell Mr. Napper's last name?

8 MS. SHAW: N-a-p-p-e-r.

9 BRIAN W. NAPPER, called by BASF, having been first  
10 duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

11 DIRECT EXAMINATION

12 BY MS. SHAW:

13 Q. Good afternoon. Could you please introduce yourself to  
14 the Court?

15 A. Yes. My name is Brian William Napper.

16 Q. And, Mr. Napper, where are you from?

17 A. Well, I am originally from Southern California, and I  
18 live now in Northern California, just outside of San  
19 Francisco.

20 Q. And where do you work today?

21 A. Currently, I am Senior Managing Director at FTI  
22 Consulting, Inc., which is a global financial services group,  
23 and consulting in economics consulting, as well. I'm  
24 currently the head of their global intellectual property  
25 practice. I'm the group leader. We have a worldwide group

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1 that does intellectual property services.

2 Q. And what does the IP Service Group do?

3 A. Generally, to break it down into three different areas,  
4 service areas, one is we do valuations of intellectual  
5 property with respect to acquisitions and divestitures. So,  
6 for example, for a private equity company, taking an equity  
7 position in a company that has a lot of technology and  
8 intellectual property, we will advise those private equity  
9 folks as to their acquisition or divestiture; if they want to  
10 sell it off, how much is the IP worth. So I call that the  
11 valuation part of our group.

12 The second part is disputes, such as the work I did  
13 on this case, where we provide economic damages analysis  
14 primarily in the space of intellectual property, and within  
15 that construct probably the majority of that is also patent;  
16 although, I do a little bit of trademark, copyright, and  
17 trade secrets damages work.

18 And then, lastly, I actually happen to be a monitor  
19 for the European Commission related to intellectual property.  
20 For the next ten years -- I'm two years into it -- I'm  
21 monitoring the behavior of a company licensing financial  
22 indices into the credit default swap marketplace, so I report  
23 to the EC on their activities, whether their licensing  
24 behavior is appropriate.

25 Q. And how long have you worked in the area of intellectual



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1 property valuation and damages quantification?

2 A. Ever since I had a full head of hair. It's been a long  
3 time. About 30-plus years now I've been focusing my  
4 consulting work in intellectual property.

5 Q. Now, Mr. Napper, did you prepare some slides to help the  
6 Court evaluate your testimony today?

7 A. I did.

8 Q. Okay.

9 MS. SHAW: Could we take a look at PDX-602?

10 BY MS. SHAW:

11 Q. Could you please tell us about your educational  
12 background.

13 A. Yeah. As indicated on the slide, I graduated from the  
14 University of California - Berkeley with a B.S. degree in  
15 accounting and finance.

16 I subsequently -- skipping down to -- I was an  
17 instructor. I took a course for the technology transfer and  
18 commercialization, which is helping universities to,  
19 essentially, value their intellectual property and,  
20 essentially, license that intellectual property into the  
21 private sector. I also subsequently taught that course at  
22 UC - Berkeley.

23 I instruct periodically as a guest lecturer on  
24 patent damages at law schools, such as Northwestern, NYU,  
25 Catholic University, and, as I indicated, I'm currently the

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1 senior manager and director at FTI. I was also the global  
2 leader of Deloitte & Touche's intellectual property group.

3 Q. Can you tell us a little bit about the type of clients  
4 you work with.

5 A. Well, somewhat reflective of the Silicon Valley, I  
6 consulted with clients in the biotech space, for example,  
7 Chiron, before they were acquired by Novartis. I did quite a  
8 bit of work with them in the DNA sequencing, PCR promoter  
9 field.

10 I've also done quite a bit of medical device, in  
11 terms of intellectual property, but it also runs the gamut to  
12 doing work in the telecom industry and all other types of  
13 industries.

14 I'm also currently working, interestingly enough, on  
15 three different patent cases and projects related to seed  
16 planters, which is kind of somewhat tangential to this work  
17 on this case.

18 Q. And have you testified at trial on matters involving  
19 damages or the value of patents?

20 A. I have. I've testified both in trials and in  
21 international arbitration as it relates to patent damages,  
22 probably about 50 times now.

23 MS. SHAW: Your Honor, at this time we would move to  
24 qualify Mr. Napper as an expert in the fields of intellectual  
25 property valuation and damages and tender him as an expert.

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1 THE COURT: Any voir dire?

2 MR. SUNG: No objection, no voir dire.

3 THE COURT: You may proceed.

4 MS. SHAW: Thank you, Your Honor.

5 BY MS. SHAW:

6 Q. Mr. Napper, when were you retained in this case?

7 A. October of 2018.

8 Q. And what were you asked to do in this case?

9 A. I was asked to look at the damages claim for -- on behalf  
10 of the opponents and looking at the proponents' damages  
11 claim, and also to address the subject of injunctive relief.

12 THE COURT: The subject of what?

13 THE WITNESS: The subject of injunctive relief or  
14 irreparable harm, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 MS. SHAW: Could she put up PDX-603.

17 BY MS. SHAW:

18 Q. Could you describe, Mr. Napper, what we see here?

19 A. Yes. This is just a brief listing of the type of  
20 information I had available to me in performing my work in  
21 this matter. It describes, obviously, lots of deposition  
22 transcripts, lots of financial records, e-mails. I also  
23 conducted discussions and interviews with BASF and Cargill  
24 professionals that are familiar with this project. And then,  
25 of course, I've either reviewed the trial testimony or

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1 actually attended much of the trial here.

2 Q. And are you aware of the verdict that has now been  
3 rendered in connection with the liability phase of this case?

4 A. I am.

5 Q. Has this impacted your analysis at all?

6 A. Somewhat, yes. With respect to the Group D patents, that  
7 verdict has had an impact. And, of course, I had quantified  
8 damages on other groups of patents that were asserted by  
9 proponents, and, obviously, that's not relevant anymore.

10 Q. With respect to the Group D patents, do you have an  
11 understanding of whether there would be any future damages  
12 arising in connection with the Group D patents?

13 A. Based upon my understanding, the Group D patent has been  
14 found to be infringed by BASF's elite event, but that the  
15 hybrid canola lines being used and continuing to be  
16 researched by Cargill are not using the elite event, and so,  
17 therefore, I don't see a path to damages.

18 Q. Have you formed an opinion on whether an injunction  
19 should issue in this case?

20 A. I have.

21 Q. And what is your opinion?

22 A. I do not believe, based upon the facts and circumstances  
23 as I've reviewed them, that injunctive relief would be the  
24 appropriate remedy here.

25 Q. Have you formed an opinion on what future damages would

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1 be in this case?

2 A. I have, as well.

3 Q. And in what form would those future damages be?

4 A. Based upon my analysis of the information, I believe the  
5 form of a reasonable royalty would be adequate to compensate  
6 for the found infringement.

7 Q. So, Mr. Napper, I'd like to talk first about the request  
8 for injunction, okay? Could we take a look at PDX-639.

9 Mr. Napper, could you describe what we see here?

10 A. Yes. I'm not a legal expert, but my understanding is  
11 that injunctive relief is guided by the eBay factors, what  
12 are commonly known as the eBay factors.

13 THE COURT: What are we looking at here?

14 MS. SHAW: This is a demonstrative slide that  
15 Mr. Napper prepared that I --

16 THE COURT: It's not an exhibit?

17 MS. SHAW: It's not an exhibit.

18 THE COURT: Go ahead.

19 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.

20 And so this just identifies sort of the eBay  
21 factors, as we call them in the business, and puts some  
22 structure around the inquiry as to whether injunctive relief  
23 is appropriate, and I've looked at these.

24 BY MS. SHAW:

25 Q. Okay. And did you consider these factors in conducting

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1 your analysis on whether an injunction should issue?

2 A. I did. I considered the opinions of Mr. Jarosz and the  
3 analysis he performed, and I performed my own independent  
4 analysis of many of these factors, as well, and it's my  
5 understanding, I believe, that all four factors need to be  
6 met for injunctive relief to be appropriate.

7 Q. Okay. I'd like to talk about the first factor we see  
8 here, which is whether the patent owner has suffered an  
9 irreparable injury.

10 Have you formed an opinion as to whether proponents  
11 have suffered an irreparable injury under eBay factor number  
12 1?

13 A. I've separated my opinion into two kind of periods, if  
14 you will.

15 The first is, based upon the information I've  
16 reviewed, I don't believe that there is currently an  
17 irreparable injury to proponents as a result of the found  
18 infringement, so currently, as we sit here today.

19 Q. Why do you say that?

20 A. Because as its fairly well-known now, there have been no  
21 sales of product by Cargill, nor will there be sales for what  
22 sounds like at least another year. Obviously, the proponents  
23 also have had no sales of products that, at least in part,  
24 may be using the asserted patents or the infringed patents.

25 Q. If there are no current harms, does your inquiry and/or

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1 eBay factor 1 end there?

2 A. No. I also looked to the future to see if there's  
3 irreparable harm in the future.

4 Q. And how did you go about looking at future harm?

5 A. As I indicated, I'm familiar with many of the facets, if  
6 you will, or inquiries under irreparable harm or irreparable  
7 injury, and I've looked at those, done my own analysis of  
8 those, and I've also reviewed Mr. Jarosz's analysis of  
9 irreparable harm.

10 Q. And were you here in the courtroom yesterday when  
11 Mr. Jarosz testified?

12 A. Was that really just yesterday?

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. Yes, I was. Sorry.

15 Q. Okay. And do you recall that Mr. Jarosz testified that  
16 he believes there will be three types of harm? Do you recall  
17 that?

18 A. I do recall that.

19 Q. And do you recall what those were?

20 A. Yes. Mr. Jarosz separated them into buckets, if you  
21 will, one being margin erosion, so price decline and cost  
22 increases.

23 The second was what he characterized as impact on  
24 product development, sort of research development and  
25 proponents' product development.

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1           And the third was he was looking at, ultimately, the  
2           impact on customer relationships.

3           So that was my takeaway from Mr. Jarosz; that it was  
4           those three categories of harm that he thought were  
5           unquantifiable and led him to conclude --

6           THE COURT: What was the second one?

7           THE WITNESS: The second one was product  
8           development, which had two subsets, Your Honor. The first  
9           was sort of the inability of the proponents to have moneys in  
10          the door in order to invest in improvements to their current  
11          potential future offering, and I got a sense that it also  
12          impacts other research and development at CSIRO.

13          BY MS. SHAW:

14          Q. I'd like to talk about each of these three things a  
15          little bit more closely. Let's first talk about the first  
16          harm identified by Mr. Jarosz, which was margin erosion -- is  
17          what you described it as, I believe.

18                 Do you agree that margin erosion is a harm that  
19          Nuseed will suffer if BASF and Cargill are on the market in  
20          the future?

21          A. I do not.

22          Q. Why?

23          A. Because the situation in this market is rather unique.  
24          What we have here is an existing market. We have the fish  
25          oil supplied market, and we have multiple suppliers of fish



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1 oil to fish feed manufacturers. So that's an existing market  
2 that both the proponents and the opponents are trying to sell  
3 future products into.

4           So it's not a brand-new market, but it's a market  
5 that has certain already-established dynamics. Those  
6 dynamics would include pricing, because fish feed  
7 manufacturers, as I understand it, are sensitive to the price  
8 of fish oil. And it's the fish farm's major expense, so  
9 price is already established with the fish oil, and so that's  
10 an issue. And then the cost information, which we'll get  
11 into, I didn't see -- I thought the information that  
12 Mr. Jarosz relied upon for reduced cost, that in his opinion  
13 may not occur, is inconsistent with the information I  
14 reviewed in this case.

15 Q. Why is it relevant that both parties will be selling into  
16 an already-existing market?

17 A. Because the pricing, as I indicated, has already been  
18 established. The pricing is of traditional fish oil, and, in  
19 fact, both companies -- to save time I'll say "Nuseed" and  
20 "Cargill," if you don't mind.

21           Nuseed and Cargill are both anticipating to price  
22 their product contingent upon what the fish oil prices of  
23 traditional fish oil, the chopped-up anchovies, et cetera.  
24 So it's tied into those prices, and they can't go too far  
25 above that; otherwise, they won't have opportunities.

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1 Q. Do you have an opinion, Mr. Napper, as to whether Nuseed  
2 would lose sales to Cargill in the future if an injunction  
3 does not issue?

4 A. I do have an opinion, and I don't think it's likely that  
5 Nuseed will lose sales to Cargill in the future, and that's  
6 because of the fish oil supply gap.

7 Q. Mr. Napper, could you turn in your binder to CX-0928,  
8 which I believe is already in evidence?

9 THE COURT: Well, if there are only two competitors  
10 outside of fish oil in the market, the only way that CSIRO  
11 would not lose sales to Cargill is if Cargill was able to  
12 fill the entire market, or Nuseed would be able to beat them  
13 on price. It's hard for me to understand why they wouldn't  
14 lose sales to them.

15 THE WITNESS: It's an excellent observation, Your  
16 Honor, honestly, but it's a bigger market than just the two  
17 plant-based omega-3 fish oil future suppliers.

18 THE COURT: Well, how do we know how big the market  
19 is? I mean, both sides agree that the fish oil is a finite  
20 resource and it's being overexploited, as so many other  
21 resources are, and -- but, after all, Cargill is a worldwide,  
22 large company, and I just don't understand why they couldn't  
23 increase their production of oil to, at least part of the  
24 time, dominate that portion of the market which is not  
25 consumed by fish oil.

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1           As they progress, their cost of production will go  
2 down and their value of what they produce will go up so that  
3 they'll become more competitive with fish oil. And because  
4 of their size, it would be easier for them to dominate the  
5 market than it would be for CSIRO, would it not?

6           THE WITNESS: It's a fair observation, Your Honor.  
7 Cargill appears to have more resources as a group.

8           From what I heard from Dr. Gromov, though, GEOS is a  
9 part of Cargill, so they're somewhat -- they may not have  
10 massive exposure, if you will, or access to the footprint  
11 that you're referring to of Cargill as a big entity. That's  
12 just one observation.

13          THE COURT: Well, Cargill is a big entity, and so is  
14 the Australian government.

15          THE WITNESS: That's fair. I would agree with that  
16 observation, yes, and there's resources available in both  
17 those regards.

18          And so it's an interesting observation, because I  
19 looked at both companies' projections, Cargill's projections  
20 and Nuseed's projections, and I see this market gap that you  
21 just referred to, and it's spot-on. And if it were really  
22 that easy, and there were only two plant-based suppliers of  
23 omega-3, why -- and both parties are aware of that gap, why  
24 aren't they projecting to fill that gap within a couple  
25 years?

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1 But, in fact, both parties project to 2027 that  
2 Nuseed will only capture 35 percent of that gap and Cargill  
3 only about 10 percent of that gap, so it tells me that based  
4 upon their projections --

5 THE COURT: Well, it seems to me that CSIRO's  
6 projection seems reasonable, but I don't think Cargill's  
7 does; that they can only fill 10 percent of that gap. But  
8 this is only one factor. You go ahead with everything else.

9 MS. SHAW: If we could put up PDX-637. This might  
10 provide some further clarity.

11 BY MS. SHAW:

12 Q. Mr. Napper, can you describe what is shown here?

13 A. Yes. This is a graph that I put together based upon  
14 information produced, documents produced in this matter. The  
15 top line is the total projected fish oil deficit. That's the  
16 dark blue. That's based upon Nuseed's identification of that  
17 fish oil deficit that Your Honor referred to. With the  
18 traditional fish oil flattening out, it's not going down, but  
19 the demand's still, in fact, rising and that deficit occurs.

20 And what I've done here is taken Nuseed's  
21 projections, the only projections they produced in this  
22 matter, and tracked that to the red line. I've tracked the  
23 light blue, or Cargill's projected volume based upon their  
24 2019 projections, and then combined them for the purple line.  
25 And, you're right, it appears that it's only about 200,000

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1 metric tons versus what they have projected to be 350,000  
2 metric tons by the time it hits 2027.

3 So I thought that might provide some clarity as  
4 to --

5 THE COURT: Yeah, I understand what you're saying.

6 THE WITNESS: -- the combination.

7 BY MS. SHAW:

8 Q. And, Mr. Napper, have you seen any documents to support  
9 the projections shown in the Cargill blue line?

10 A. I have.

11 Q. And what documents have you seen?

12 A. The -- I'm sorry, the Cargill light blue line?

13 Q. Yes.

14 A. Sorry. Yes, I've seen documents to support all of these  
15 lines. So sorry.

16 THE COURT: I've seen them, too. I don't think we  
17 need to spend any more time on this issue.

18 MS. SHAW: I don't plan on pulling them out, Your  
19 Honor.

20 BY MS. SHAW:

21 Q. Now, did you hear Mr. Jarosz testify that Nuseed's  
22 product and business model is scaleable?

23 A. Yes, I heard that testimony.

24 Q. And do you have an opinion regarding Nuseed's ability to  
25 scale up and meet the full market gap?

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1 A. Yes. Based upon the information I reviewed, I did not  
2 see a concrete plan of Nuseed in terms of its ability to  
3 scale its infrastructure to meet this opportunity we just  
4 discussed. I did not see a strategic plan.

5 The only thing I did review is Nuseed's projections,  
6 which is, as I heard Ms. Boettner testify, she said Nuseed  
7 will ramp up as quickly as possible to meet the need. So my  
8 takeaway from that is, well, Nuseed's projections, then, must  
9 reflect their capacity, and that's why I used that chart that  
10 I just identified. I don't really see the scalability  
11 capability in the documents I reviewed.

12 Q. Could you take a look at PX-56 in your binder?

13 A. Yes, I see that.

14 Q. Have you seen this -- have you reviewed this document  
15 before?

16 A. Yes. This is a document produced by Nuseed. It's a  
17 Credit Suisse, so an independent analyst's review of the  
18 opportunity for Nufarm, and especially within this  
19 aquaculture space.

20 Q. And could you turn to the page numbered 58593, ending in  
21 58593. It's Page 23 of the document.

22 A. Yes, I see that.

23 Q. Could you look at Figure 37 on that page?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Please tell us what is in Figure 37.

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1 A. This is a figure -- this is information shared by Credit  
2 Suisse about the opportunity and them reviewing Nufarm --  
3 also Nuseed, obviously -- Nuseed's ability to capture the  
4 supply gap that we've been already talking about, and they  
5 project by 2027 that Nuseed will capture 35 percent of that  
6 gap.

7 Q. Is that --

8 THE COURT: Well...

9 (There was a pause in the proceedings.)

10 MS. SHAW: Your Honor, may I proceed?

11 THE COURT: Well, why do they have -- this is just  
12 based on Nuseed, it's not based on any participation in the  
13 market by Cargill?

14 THE WITNESS: That's exactly right, Your Honor.  
15 This is just Nuseed's projection by 2027. It's not Nuseed's  
16 projection, it's Credit Suisse, an independent analyst.

17 THE COURT: I understand. It's a projection of  
18 Nuseed, not by, but I understand.

19 THE WITNESS: Correct.

20 THE COURT: All right. Go ahead.

21 THE WITNESS: Which, by the way, is consistent with  
22 I've seen internal documents of Nuseed projecting about 30  
23 percent of that gap.

24 THE COURT: 33, I think it was, or 32.

25 MS. SHAW: I think it was 33.7 by 2025, but who's

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1 counting?

2 BY MS. SHAW:

3 Q. Mr. Jarosz -- I'd like to move on to the second bucket of  
4 harms identified by Mr. Jarosz.

5 He identified another harm to proponents' future  
6 product development. Do you recall that?

7 A. I do.

8 Q. And what is your opinion on Mr. Jarosz's opinion  
9 regarding harm to future product development?

10 A. My general observation, it was a little bit vague as to  
11 what specifically CSIRO and Nuseed was going to develop.  
12 Were they developing next generation omega-3 products? I  
13 didn't get a sense of that one way or the other.

14 And, in any event, with respect to -- as I  
15 understand the position, it is because Cargill may be in the  
16 marketplace, potentially taking sales away from Nuseed, there  
17 won't be enough money back to Nuseed and CSIRO to continue  
18 research and development and improving their product. And,  
19 to my way of thinking, a reasonable royalty is an appropriate  
20 way to put money into CSIRO and Nuseed's pocket so they can  
21 invest, if there are future product development opportunities  
22 for them.

23 THE COURT: Well, they'll only get that through  
24 2025, right?

25 THE WITNESS: That is true, Your Honor, since that



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1 is the expiration of Group A.

2 MS. SHAW: May I continue, Your Honor?

3 THE COURT: Yes.

4 BY MS. SHAW:

5 Q. Now, Mr. Jarosz also identified harms to proponents'  
6 customer relationships. Do you recall that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And what is your view on whether Mr. -- on whether  
9 proponents will experience harm to their customer  
10 relationships if BASF and Cargill are in the market?

11 A. I reviewed a fair amount of information regarding  
12 customer relationships and attempts. I also had a discussion  
13 with Dr. Gromov, who testified here earlier about the fact  
14 that the existing contracts that fish feed manufacturers are  
15 signing are very short-term in nature. That's -- it has to  
16 be because of the volatility of the fish oil prices and  
17 seasonality, et cetera.

18 I think these two providers, Nuseed and Cargill,  
19 hope to bring stability and do away with some of that  
20 volatility. But I bring that up from the standpoint of  
21 there's going to have to be some type of education and effort  
22 on both Nuseed and Cargill's part to have fish feed  
23 manufacturers get away from their normal procedure of signing  
24 very short-term contracts for supply of fish oil, and that  
25 will take some time. And I haven't really seen any specific

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1 customers identified that a relationship might be soured, if  
2 you will.

3 Q. Okay. So just in sum, under eBay factor 1, in your  
4 opinion, have you seen any evidence of irreparable harm to  
5 proponents if BASF and Cargill are allowed to offer their  
6 products in the market?

7 A. Based upon the information I reviewed, and considering  
8 Mr. Jarosz's analysis, respectfully, I don't believe that the  
9 eBay factor 1 has been satisfied in terms of evidence of  
10 irreparable harm.

11 Q. So let's look at your PDX-639 again. I'd like you to  
12 look at the second eBay factor.

13 So you see the second eBay factor is remedies  
14 available at law, such as monetary damages, are inadequate to  
15 compensate for that injury. Did you consider any evidence  
16 under this factor?

17 A. I did. I looked at this from two different perspectives.  
18 One is the willingness of the patentholders to license the  
19 infringed patents, and looked for evidence of that.

20 The second is to look at whether I believe, in my  
21 opinion, that a reasonable royalty is adequate to compensate  
22 for infringement.

23 Q. Have you seen any evidence relating to proponents'  
24 willingness or unwillingness to license?

25 A. I have. Well, certainly, initially CSIRO was willing to

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1 enter into a collaboration agreement. I'm not sure that  
2 counts as a license agreement, but that's certainly an  
3 indication, because they needed a partner.

4 And then I've seen information produced by Nuseed in  
5 some of their talking-point documents that indicate that they  
6 have a willingness to license the patents.

7 Q. Can you take a look at PX-568?

8 A. Yes, I'm there.

9 Q. Do you know what this document is?

10 THE COURT: What was that number, again?

11 MS. SHAW: PX-568.

12 THE COURT: PX?

13 MS. SHAW: Yes, and I don't believe this document  
14 has been admitted.

15 THE COURT: All right. PX-568 will be admitted.

16 (Exhibit PX-568 received in evidence.)

17 MS. SHAW: Thank you, Your Honor.

18 BY MS. SHAW:

19 Q. Do you know what this document is, Mr. Napper?

20 A. Yes. This is a Nuseed document. I think Ms. Boettner  
21 may have testified that this is in preparation of Nuseed for  
22 investor calls, to try to update investors as to the activity  
23 of Nuseed, and it's dated September 2017.

24 Q. Could you take a look at the page ending in 32818.

25 A. Yes, I see that.

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1 Q. And could you take a look at kind of the first set of  
2 bullets on this page, and look at the second-to-last bullet  
3 underneath that. Do you see that?

4 A. I do.

5 THE COURT: Where are we now?

6 MS. SHAW: Your Honor, we are at PX-568. 32818 is  
7 the page number.

8 THE COURT: 818?

9 MS. SHAW: Yes.

10 THE COURT: All I need is the last three numbers.

11 MS. SHAW: Okay. It's 818.

12 THE COURT: Okay. I've got it.

13 BY MS. SHAW:

14 Q. And do you see the second-to-last bullet under that first  
15 section?

16 A. I do.

17 Q. What does it describe?

18 A. This appears to make a statement of Nuseed, that they  
19 remain open to possible cross-license of intellectual  
20 property with BASF, which provides effective value to Nuseed.

21 Q. And this is one of a few documents that I've seen that  
22 talk about --

23 THE COURT: What do you mean by "cross-license."

24 THE WITNESS: Well, I presume what Nuseed means is  
25 that Nuseed would license its patents and technologies and

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1 would, in return, receive access to BASF's intellectual  
2 property.

3 And there may be --

4 THE COURT: What are they going to do with that?  
5 They've got a different system of making their product. I  
6 don't know that their product needs anything except maybe one  
7 proprietary enzyme.

8 THE WITNESS: That's fair, Your Honor. So there may  
9 not be anything that BASF needs except for freedom to  
10 separate, and, in reverse, BASF has not only intellectual  
11 property -- I may be stepping out of my boundary here, but I  
12 understand BASF may have a patent in Australia that CSIRO is  
13 focused on, so there would be, in my mind, with this comment,  
14 a cross-license between the parties, with perhaps a monetary  
15 consideration, as well.

16 THE COURT: All right.

17 BY MS. SHAW:

18 Q. Now, when we were talking about eBay factors, you  
19 discussed willingness to license and also the ability to  
20 quantify monetary damages as two of the things that you  
21 looked under when considering that factor.

22 What did you mean by the ability to quantify  
23 monetary damages?

24 A. Well, it's my opinion, based upon the information I  
25 reviewed in this case, that I think a determination of a

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1 reasonable royalty can be made, and that monetary damage, if  
2 you will, or monetary compensation to Nuseed would be  
3 adequate to compensate them for the infringement.

4 Q. Now, Mr. Jarosz testified that there is uncertainty  
5 around calculating monetary damages in the future. Do you  
6 agree with him?

7 A. I do not. I think there's information adequate to  
8 compensate Nuseed in the form of a royalty rate based upon  
9 the analyses that I performed in this case.

10 Q. How would a royalty rate address future uncertainties?

11 A. Well, the royalty rate structure that I have in mind  
12 would be a percentage of net product sales, the end sales of  
13 Cargill, and that, in turn, if there's a percentage of the  
14 revenue, takes away some of the pricing uncertainty.

15 Both parties appear to be a little hesitant on what  
16 the prices are going to be, even though they're tied to fish  
17 oil existing in the market, and my takeaway some of the  
18 uncertainty of those pricing question marks, if you will.

19 Q. Now, if we could look back at PDX-639, I'd like to look  
20 at the third factor under the eBay factors, which is the  
21 balance of hardships.

22 Did you consider this factor in your analysis?

23 A. I did.

24 Q. And what did you consider?

25 A. Well, I recall Mr. Jarosz's testimony that he believed

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1    there was more emphasis on the Nuseed side of the balance of  
2    hardships, in terms of the ramifications, if you will, of  
3    patent and infringement of patents, et cetera, and he saw  
4    less volume if, for lack of a better way to describe it, on  
5    the Cargill side. That's a judgment call by Mr. Jarosz.

6           I actually went a little bit more to how much each  
7    of these parties invested in this particular product to be  
8    able to take a less judgment, more monetary look at that.  
9    And on the CSIRO side, I found that there was about -- last I  
10   could document, about 100 million invested by CSIRO and  
11   Nuseed.

12           And then on the BASF/Cargill side, we heard  
13   testimony from Dr. Andre even today that I think they're up  
14   to 200 million, and Cargill is up to about 65 million. So,  
15   clearly, both parties are investing heavily in this project,  
16   but to suggest that one -- because there's not as much  
17   chatter about this project in the Cargill information, one, I  
18   didn't see that; and, two, I think that's belied by the fact  
19   that both companies are spending in this space.

20   Q.   Could we look again at the PDX-639? And I'd like to turn  
21   your attention to the fourth and final factor under the eBay  
22   factors, and this is the public interest.

23           Did you consider any evidence under the public  
24   interest factor?

25   A.   I did.

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1 Q. And what did you consider?

2 A. I considered information connected to the public interest  
3 in terms of three different aspects, one being an  
4 environmental aspect, the second being ocean impact, and the  
5 third being farmers.

6 So with respect to the environmental, and somewhat  
7 combined with the ocean, obviously, allowing Cargill and  
8 Nuseed, once the products start coming into the marketplace,  
9 to be able to supply their omega-3 fish oil, would tend to  
10 put downward influences, hopefully, on what I've heard called  
11 the hunting of the anchovies in the ocean, and the boats, and  
12 the exhaust fumes, to get down to the nitty-gritty into the  
13 environment, that would hopefully put less pressure and  
14 perhaps a reduced environmental impact of those activities.

15 I also am quite familiar with Cargill's investment  
16 in the local farming community in Montana. I believe they  
17 built a building there for processing, and it holds community  
18 events, and it seems that the community connection that  
19 Cargill has established there is of public interest, as well.

20 Q. Now, Mr. Napper, during Mr. Jarosz's direct examination,  
21 he testified that if an injunction issued, Cargill could  
22 still enter the market because they have the ability to come  
23 and negotiate a license with proponents.

24 Did this testimony impact your injunction analysis?

25 A. Actually, it did, yes.



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1 Q. Could you tell us how?

2 A. Yeah -- sorry, Ms. Shaw.

3 And the reason is that if Mr. Jarosz is of that  
4 opinion, then that shows that the proponents have a way to  
5 establish a royalty rate and a royalty payment to be paid to  
6 them that's quantifiable, and, therefore, that would be a  
7 much better path than the fairly extreme relief of  
8 injunction.

9 Q. So, in summary, Mr. Napper, what is your ultimate opinion  
10 as to whether an injunction should issue in this case?

11 A. I don't believe that's the remedy that should be issued  
12 in this court or in this case. I believe that a reasonable  
13 royalty is the appropriate approach.

14 Q. So I'd now like to shift topics to that reasonable  
15 royalty, and I'd like to begin by discussing Mr. Jarosz's  
16 proposed reasonable royalty rate.

17 MS. SHAW: Could we please look at Jarosz slide 16.

18 BY MS. SHAW:

19 Q. What is your understanding of the information we see  
20 here, Mr. Napper?

21 A. So my takeaway here is that Mr. Jarosz used two different  
22 collaboration agreements, the CSIRO/GRDC/Nuseed agreement and  
23 the BASF/Cargill collaborative agreement, in order to  
24 calculate what he determined to be a reasonable royalty rate.

25 He then shows on this chart a fairly high rate for

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1 Nuseed lost profits on diverted sales of 49 percent.

2 Q. And his reliance on the CSIRO/GRDC/Nuseed license  
3 agreement, do you think that's appropriate?

4 A. I do not think that's appropriate. I think it's an  
5 agreement to consider, but I think the agreement has to go  
6 through a number of adjustments in order to reflect the  
7 asserted patents' value in that agreement.

8 Q. And what about the BASF/Cargill license? Do you think  
9 Mr. Jarosz's reliance on that agreement was appropriate?

10 A. I think that's even -- that's further removed than the  
11 CSIRO/GRDC/Nuseed agreement because there's been no study of  
12 the BASF intellectual property contributed, if it's  
13 technologically comparable, and it also suffers from a  
14 disconnect in terms of regulatory responsibilities in that  
15 agreement.

16 Q. So let's first talk about proponents' agreement, the  
17 CSIRO/GRDC/Nuseed agreement. Why do you think these  
18 agreements are not appropriate without an adjustment?

19 A. Because as I reviewed the agreement, it involves a number  
20 of intellectual property, a fairly significant amount of  
21 intellectual property, that CSIRO is committing to this  
22 collaboration, in addition to the infringed patents.

23 Q. Could we look at PDX-610.

24 Mr. Napper, could you describe what we see here?

25 A. Yes. This is my attempt to summarize a fairly voluminous

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1 agreement between these parties, but what I show here is what  
2 I determined from the agreement that CSIRO is contributing,  
3 which is technology and IP related to omega-3 LC PUFAs, as  
4 well as funding.

5 Nuseed is doing canola breeding, and, importantly,  
6 Nuseed is doing the deregulation part of that agreement. And  
7 then GRDC is committing, also, intellectual property, as well  
8 as funding. And so that's the green arrows, if you will,  
9 going into the collaboration agreement, and then what each  
10 party gets in return is reflected on these percentages.

11 It's important, two things, to note. The  
12 percentages were determined by the contribution of funding by  
13 each of these companies. So there wasn't an evaluation of  
14 the intellectual property of CSIRO that they were  
15 contributing. It was, essentially, based upon the so-called  
16 cost approach to intellectual property but based upon the  
17 funding of each of these companies as to how the split  
18 occurred, so it's not linked to the CSIRO intellectual  
19 property directly.

20 And the second is these percentages are a total of  
21 25 percent for CSIRO and GRDC, and I think we all now  
22 understand that net sales is a misnomer. It's not the end  
23 product sales, but it's actually something less than that.  
24 Q. Could you take a look at Mr. Jarosz's slide 14, if you  
25 could pull that up.

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1           Did you hear Mr. Jarosz testify about this slide?

2       A.   Yes.   This reflects his calculation of how he derives a  
3       12.4 percent royalty rate from this agreement.

4       Q.   And do you agree with the numbers he has on his chart  
5       that's shown here in slide 14?

6       A.   I do not.   I think it's incorrectly calculated.

7       Q.   And why is that?

8       A.   For at least three reasons:   The first is that Mr. Jarosz  
9       relied upon an early 2018 Cargill projection.   I think  
10      there's been comment about that here in court.   And the  
11      closest projection to the hypothetical negotiation between  
12      these parties is a January 2019 Cargill projection where  
13      Cargill projects a little bit less in revenues.   So I think  
14      that is the most reliable place to start.

15               Further, Mr. Jarosz -- for the blue bar, if you  
16      will, Mr. Jarosz adjusted the commodity canola value.   In the  
17      actual Cargill projection, it's \$850 per metric ton.   He used  
18      a figure of \$815 per metric ton.   I forget what his source  
19      was, but it wasn't from the actual document and projection.

20               And then the orange bar is helpful.   The orange bar  
21      is the incremental cost of how much it cost to develop on a  
22      per-metric-ton basis the omega-3 fish oil-based canola, if  
23      you will, and commodity canola, because that's called out for  
24      in the agreement between these parties.

25               And rather than accept Cargill's projection of how

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1 much incremental cost there is, how much more it is to make  
2 the omega-3 canola, fish oil canola, he accepted Nuseed's  
3 estimate that it would only take 15 percent more to make  
4 omega-3 fish oil canola oil, as opposed to what Cargill  
5 believes it's going to cost twice as much. You heard  
6 Dr. Gromov testify to that.

7 And then lastly, I adjusted this number to reflect  
8 the term of the patent expiration dates of the Group A patent  
9 because these numbers are taken out to 2028, but the patent  
10 expires in 2025.

11 Q. I believe you testified that there is a discrepancy in  
12 how much incremental cost comprises total costs between  
13 Nuseed and Cargill.

14 What is your understanding of what Nuseed believes  
15 its incremental cost to be of the total cost of the goods?

16 A. So to make my math easy, if you assume Nuseed says if  
17 it's \$100 to make regular canola oil, non-omega-3 fish oil,  
18 it would be \$115 to make the omega-3 fish oil canola oil. So  
19 that's about 15 percent higher. That's what was provided to  
20 Mr. Jarosz as an estimate by Mr. Zacharias and Mr. Thomas.

21 Cargill, on the other hand, you heard Dr. Gromov  
22 testify earlier today that if it's \$100 for the commodity  
23 canola, it's \$200 for the omega-3 canola oil product.

24 Q. In your review of the materials in this case, did you see  
25 any documentary evidence supporting that the costs of

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1 manufacturing omega-3 canola are only 15 percent of the total  
2 cost of goods for these products?

3 A. I've seen no evidence that would be consistent with that  
4 representation.

5 Q. Have you seen any documentary evidence supporting  
6 Cargill's projected incremental costs?

7 A. I would love to go back to the spreadsheet for Cargill --  
8 I'm just kidding -- based upon His Honor's comment.

9 But there are tabs within that spreadsheet that  
10 actually identify the cost of the commodity canola oil versus  
11 the omega-3 canola oil, and it's actually even higher than  
12 twice as much. So there is documentation supporting  
13 Dr. Gromov's observation and testimony.

14 Q. Could you take a look at PDX-640?

15 Can you tell us what we see here?

16 A. Right. What I see here -- a bit dramatic. I apologize  
17 for the Xs. But what I've done here is I've adjusted for the  
18 four things I just talked about, that I won't repeat. But  
19 I've reflected, essentially, the four adjustments I think are  
20 appropriate, using Mr. Jarosz's approach to calculate a  
21 royalty rate, in order to reflect these changes I just  
22 identified.

23 Q. And could you take a look at PDX-641?

24 What do we see here?

25 A. So at end of the day, using these four changes, staying

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1 with the four corners of the Excel spreadsheet, for the most  
2 part, with the 2025 cutoff, I've recalculated the royalty  
3 rate using Mr. Jarosz's actual approach to be not 12.4  
4 percent but 3.8 percent.

5 Q. And in your opinion would that lower amount, the 3.8  
6 percent, be the appropriate royalty in this case?

7 A. No. It still suffers from what we talked about before,  
8 which is the CSIRO intellectual property that was put into  
9 the collaboration agreement, still has a lot more benefits  
10 and a lot more advantages, if you will, of value. I couldn't  
11 assign a specific value to that, but this is too high because  
12 of that, because I have to go down to the actual patents that  
13 are infringed.

14 Q. Could you take a look at PDX-617?

15 What do we see here?

16 A. So this is an attempt for me to just identify all the  
17 different rights that are part of the CSIRO/GRDC/Nuseed  
18 agreement, and each of these bubbles, if you will, represents  
19 a category of intellectual property whose rights were  
20 contributed by CSIRO to this collaboration agreement,  
21 including rights to -- exclusive rights to patents.

22 Interesting enough, Nuseed has the ownership of the  
23 elite event. In the case of BASF/Cargill, Cargill -- it's my  
24 understanding BASF retains ownership of the elite event and  
25 various other intellectual property rights. All of these

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1 have some element of value and -- but I wasn't able to assign  
2 a specific amount to those.

3 Q. And how does what we see here compare to what BASF and  
4 Cargill would receive under the hypothetical negotiation?  
5 And I think we have a slide on this.

6 A. Yes. BASF and Cargill would only receive what is  
7 reflected here in the orange, which is the nonexclusive  
8 license to the Group A patents, so a much smaller subset.

9 Q. In your opinion does using the agreement, the agreement  
10 that we see here as the royalty rate appropriately account  
11 for BASF and Cargill's contributions to their commercial  
12 product?

13 A. I don't believe it does reflect that.

14 Q. Why is that?

15 A. Because I think there's a lot of effort, as we've heard  
16 Dr. Andre testify to and Dr. Gromov, of all the different  
17 efforts that BASF went through, as well as Cargill, and so  
18 those have to be taken at least into account.

19 Q. Now, Mr. Jarosz also relies on a second agreement in  
20 identifying his reasonable royalty range, and that's the  
21 agreement between BASF and Cargill. Do you recall that?

22 A. I do.

23 Q. And do you have an opinion as to whether that agreement  
24 is comparable for purposes of determining a reasonable  
25 royalty?



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1 A. That agreement is one step further removed because  
2 it's -- it has not been compared from a technological  
3 comparability standpoint. What did BASF contribute and what  
4 intellectual property did it contribute and how does that  
5 compare to the CSIRO patents that are at issue here? So no  
6 assessment has been done of that so I don't think it's  
7 comparable.

8 Q. Could you take a look at PDX-615.

9 Can you describe what we see here?

10 A. Yes. This is just a summary, a short summary I put  
11 together as to BASF, its contribution to the collaboration  
12 and Cargill; and one to note is the fact that in this case  
13 BASF is conducting the regulatory efforts.

14 So if you contrast that with CSIRO, CSIRO is not  
15 conducting the regulatory efforts; their partner Nuseed is.  
16 This one is a little bit reversed.

17 Q. Now, Mr. Jarosz calculates the reasonable royalty rate  
18 under this agreement as 13 percent. Do you agree with this?

19 A. I do not.

20 Q. Why is that?

21 A. Because what I just touched on it, what has to be  
22 adjusted in that calculation is, among other things -- but at  
23 least you have to account for the fact that BASF is getting  
24 reimbursed by the 40 percent EBIT split for their regulatory  
25 efforts, and so that has to be removed from the calculation,

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1 and that's what I've done.

2 Q. Can you take a look at PDX-616.

3 Can you describe what we see here?

4 A. Yes. This, essentially, is my adjustment to the 13  
5 percent calculated by Mr. Jarosz from the BASF/Cargill  
6 agreement. And what is done is I subtract the BASF  
7 regulatory efforts in order to compare apples to apples with  
8 the CSIRO/Nuseed agreement. And if you deduct 92.3 million  
9 from the take, if you will, of BASF, that reduces the  
10 numerator in the fraction, and, therefore, the royalty rate  
11 goes -- the effective royalty rate goes down. It's not a  
12 royalty rate but it's more of a split. And so once you make  
13 that adjustment, it's down to 3.2 percent.

14 Q. And this adjusted rate of 3.2 percent, is it your opinion  
15 that that is a proper future royalty rate?

16 A. No. It still, unfortunately, suffers from the same  
17 challenges as CSIRO in that there's other intellectual  
18 property that BASF contributed here, and other benefits, but  
19 I couldn't quantify those.

20 Q. Do you recall that on the upper end of his reasonable  
21 royalty range Mr. Jarosz had indicated a 49.1 percent royalty  
22 rate? Do you recall that?

23 A. I do.

24 Q. Do you agree with the high end of his reasonable royalty  
25 range?

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1 A. I do not. No lost -- first of all, no sales have  
2 occurred, so no lost profits. But even for future, a lost  
3 profit analysis wasn't really performed by Mr. Jarosz to  
4 determine that somehow 49 percent royalty would be  
5 appropriate. It's essentially baking in a lost profits claim  
6 in a reasonable royalty construct, and I don't think that's  
7 appropriate.

8 Q. Why do you say that the 49.1 percent range is essentially  
9 a lost profits analysis?

10 A. Because the way Mr. Jarosz calculated that is he  
11 essentially took all of CSIRO's Nuseed's profit percentage,  
12 which is 49.1 percent that we saw earlier in the trial, and  
13 just that's his rate. It's just a profit number, and so that  
14 is, in essence, a lost profits claim.

15 Q. So you testified earlier that you did think that an  
16 ongoing reasonable royalty would be an appropriate remedy for  
17 future damages. I'd like to shift and talk about that a  
18 little bit more and what you think that appropriate rate  
19 might be.

20 Why do you think an ongoing reasonable royalty is  
21 appropriate here?

22 A. I think based upon the construct of the market and the  
23 construct of what I've talked about before with this supply,  
24 with this opportunity for both of these companies to take  
25 advantage of the supply gap in the marketplace for fish oil,

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1 I think that a reasonable royalty rate would be the  
2 appropriate construct adequate to compensate CSIRO for  
3 infringement and let them go out, and with through Nuseed,  
4 continue to commercialize and hopefully have product sales in  
5 the future.

6 Q. Could you take a look at PDX-604.

7 Could you describe what we see here?

8 A. Yes. These are commonly known as the *Georgia-Pacific*  
9 factors, which is a seminal case in terms of factors to  
10 consider for establishing a royalty rate, and many of these  
11 are reflected in my own experience in helping clients to  
12 license their intellectual property.

13 So these are not, you know, unusual in that regard.  
14 It's really the factors to consider in establishing a rate.  
15 I did review every single one of these factors in my report,  
16 but I think some are much more relevant to the inquiry than  
17 others here.

18 Q. Which of the factors do you think are more relevant?

19 A. I think the royalties paid for similar patents is  
20 particularly relevant. That would be *Georgia-Pacific* factor  
21 number 2. And I've also considered other aspects like  
22 commercial relationship, et cetera.

23 Q. Let's take a look at PDX-623. Could you describe what  
24 you see here?

25 A. Yes. This is my opinion as to what a future royalty rate

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1 would be. Based upon the infringed Group A patents, they  
2 would be a running royalty of 1.4 percent times the end  
3 product sales of Cargill.

4 THE COURT: Times -- you're applying that percentage  
5 to gross sales?

6 THE WITNESS: That's correct, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: How did Mr. Jarosz?

8 THE WITNESS: Jarosz.

9 THE COURT: What was he applying his percentages to?

10 THE WITNESS: He also converted. He converted that  
11 25 percent to a 12.4 percent, and he also applies it to the  
12 gross sales.

13 THE COURT: Gross sales?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes. So those are comparable, in  
15 terms of just what they're applying it to.

16 THE COURT: Well, it's a lot easier to apply it to  
17 gross sales than it is to net because -- well, for obvious  
18 reasons.

19 THE WITNESS: I couldn't agree more, Your Honor.

20 MS. SHAW: May I proceed, Your Honor?

21 THE COURT: Yes.

22 BY MS. SHAW:

23 Q. Just one question. You see that there's no rate provided  
24 for the Group D patents. Why is that?

25 A. Because as I explained before, it's my understanding that

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1 the BASF elite event is the infringing product, for lack of a  
2 better way to describe it, and there are no sales of that,  
3 and that's not going to be used by Cargill on a go-forward  
4 basis in any kind of commercialization. So I couldn't really  
5 determine what an appropriate royalty rate would be for  
6 infringement.

7 I do need to clarify, though, the 1.4 percent is  
8 only part of the royalty for the Group A infringed patents.  
9 I also believe that an appropriate amount of 1.235 million  
10 should be paid in a lump sum. So those two are added  
11 together.

12 THE COURT: How did you come up with that number?

13 THE WITNESS: That number is the payments made by  
14 BASF under the BASF/University of Hamburg agreement. That's  
15 how much they paid to the researchers and the scientists.  
16 That ultimately resulted in the '228 patent, among other  
17 patents, that BASF owns. So I believe that's a  
18 technologically comparable agreement, and it indicates the  
19 value of certain desaturases and elongase enzymes, as well as  
20 Acyl-CoA and the bifunctional.

21 BY MS. SHAW:

22 Q. If we could look at PDX-604 again. Did you look at G-P  
23 factor 1, royalties received by the patent owner in coming up  
24 with your reasonable royalty?

25 A. Yes, I considered that. Like I said, I considered all

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1 these factors. We've already discussed the CSIRO/GRDC/Nuseed  
2 agreements. I don't think, for the reasons I've already  
3 stated, that that's a reliable agreement, but, essentially, I  
4 certainly considered it and made appropriate adjustments.

5 Q. So how did you go about identifying what royalty  
6 payments, what appropriate royalty payments to look at in  
7 coming up with your agreement -- your rate? I'm sorry.

8 A. So I inquired -- in my discussions with the BASF folks, I  
9 inquired as to various agreements, collaboration agreements  
10 or research agreements that they had signed periodically in  
11 connection with their work on their elite event, and through  
12 that discussion, three -- I looked at many. There was  
13 probably seven or eight, if you will, that I think I  
14 summarize in my report, but three came to the forefront as  
15 particularly relevant in terms of BASF's efforts to create  
16 their elite event. And those were the University of Hamburg,  
17 Bioriginal, and University of York.

18 Q. Did you talk to Dr. Andre in doing this?

19 A. I did, yes. I had a discussion with him, extended  
20 discussions -- it wasn't just one, but a couple -- to try to  
21 understand -- in fact, the chart we saw with all the vectors,  
22 he went into, what I would say, excruciating detail as to all  
23 the different efforts that BASF went through, all the  
24 technologies they used. But at the end of the day we came to  
25 kind of an understanding of what it was particularly relevant

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1 to what the asserted patents at that point in time were  
2 claiming.

3 Q. And did you talk to Dr. Murphy in connection with this?

4 A. Yes. Once I had talked to Dr. Andre, I then discussed  
5 with Dr. Murphy and asked him to do a technologically  
6 comparable analysis of some of those -- not the agreements  
7 themselves but the intellectual property within the  
8 agreements.

9 Q. What types of comparability analysis did you and  
10 Dr. Murphy conduct?

11 A. So Dr. Murphy did the technology -- technologically  
12 comparable analysis; are the intellectual property and the  
13 patents and patent applications that emerged from those  
14 agreements comparable to, from a technical standpoint, to the  
15 infringed patents at this stage?

16 He conducted that, and then I conducted an economic  
17 comparability. I looked at whether, first and foremost, do  
18 those particular intellectual property licenses by BASF  
19 relate to the elite event, and ultimately the -- what would  
20 be sold into the marketplace. I confirmed that those do  
21 involve the same product.

22 And I looked to essentially a running royalty rate  
23 in the construct of two of those agreements, that they would  
24 be paid on the end product. So I conducted, among other  
25 things, fairly exhaustive analysis of the economic



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1 comparability.

2 Q. So I believe one of the three agreements you identified  
3 was the Hamburg agreement, correct?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. Let's look a little bit more closely at that agreement.  
6 Can we pull up PX-451.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. Now, is this the German language document that you  
9 received before your report?

10 A. It is. This is the document I received before my report.

11 Q. And at the time you issued your report, did you have an  
12 English translation of the document?

13 A. I did not, no.

14 Q. Okay. Could you please put up CX-1031.

15 Have you seen this document?

16 A. I have. This is the English -- this is the University of  
17 Hamburg agreement translated into English.

18 Q. Okay. Now, do you understand this translation to be of  
19 the Hamburg agreement?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. Do you have an understanding of what BASF paid  
22 under this agreement?

23 A. I do. It's my understanding that BASF paid on a per  
24 annum basis, an annual basis three different payments  
25 totalling -- and also paid for a machine. I was going to try

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1 to pronounce what the machine was, but "Chromograph" machine,  
2 I think. So combined all in, it was \$1.235 million. That's,  
3 by the way, adjusted for the payments made in 1998 to current  
4 2018 dollars.

5 Q. And under --

6 THE COURT: Did you look at how much they paid the  
7 other collaborators?

8 THE WITNESS: The other collaborators on other  
9 agreements?

10 THE COURT: The University of York and whoever that  
11 was?

12 THE WITNESS: I did, Your Honor. It's a good  
13 question. So there were some minor payments on the  
14 University of York in a lump sum to the scientists, but in  
15 the University of York situation, it appeared that the  
16 intellectual property was more linked to the running royalty  
17 that's in that agreement, which is .4 percent.

18 So I did not include, although it could be included,  
19 it's a pretty minor amount, some payments to the researchers  
20 because it struck me, in looking at the agreement, that the  
21 .4 percent running royalty in the University of York was more  
22 related to the intellectual property, what arose out of the  
23 collaboration.

24 THE COURT: Can't you translate that into a payment?  
25 I mean, why shouldn't they get all three of their

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1 collaborations? Why should it be just one?

2 THE WITNESS: It's fair, Your Honor. The reason,  
3 the University of Hamburg does not have a running royalty.  
4 So that is all payments made to the --

5 THE COURT: I know, but --

6 THE WITNESS: Yes.

7 MS. SHAW: Could we look at PDX-625 just to address  
8 Your Honor's question.

9 THE COURT: Well, I mean, I think you can put some  
10 value on the running royalty if you wanted to be realistic  
11 about -- I mean --

12 MS. SHAW: May I proceed, Your Honor, with some  
13 questions that I hope will address the questions you're  
14 raising?

15 BY MS. SHAW:

16 Q. Could you describe what we see here in this slide?

17 A. Yes. This is a summary of the payments by BASF by  
18 contract to these three entities for their work on  
19 technologically comparable intellectual property. So that's  
20 what I'm showing here, is the 1 percent to Bioriginal,  
21 .4 percent, and the 1.235 lump sum, for lack of a better  
22 word, payment to University of Hamburg.

23 Q. And how does this compare to the royalty rate that you  
24 have proposed in this case?

25 A. So I added all of these together; so the 1 percent to

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1 Bioriginal plus the .4 percent to University of York, or  
2 Amaethon, and then the University of Hamburg did not have a  
3 running royalty, so that was all payments to them in 2018  
4 dollars of 1.235 million.

5 THE COURT: So what you're saying is BASF is going  
6 to have to keep paying these royalties, but that doesn't put  
7 any money in the pocket of the owner of the patents. That's  
8 just an additional cost to BASF, but it doesn't compensate  
9 the owner of the patents in any way?

10 THE WITNESS: Do you mean the owner of the patents  
11 being the infringed patents here?

12 THE COURT: Yeah.

13 THE WITNESS: Yes. So what this is, is a  
14 comparables approach, a market approach. Because the  
15 intellectual property from these collaborations between BASF  
16 and these entities and what BASF paid, they're  
17 technologically comparable to what the asserted patents are,  
18 so you're exactly right, Your Honor, then, in my opinion,  
19 BASF would have to turn around and pay 1.4 percent on future  
20 sales to CSIRO on top of what they're going to have to pay to  
21 these collaborators. In other words, if BASF --

22 THE COURT: They're going to have to pay 1.4 percent  
23 to the owner of the patents and 1.4 percent to these other  
24 collaborators?

25 THE WITNESS: Better said than I just did, Your

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1 Honor. You're exactly right; that's what is going to  
2 transpire.

3 THE COURT: Yeah, but my point is the 1.4 percent  
4 that they pay to the other collaborators doesn't put any  
5 money in the pocket of the owner of the patents which have  
6 been infringed.

7 THE WITNESS: Well, it does in terms of the royalty  
8 rate that derives from the analysis because BASF --

9 THE COURT: Well, I didn't hear you mention these in  
10 your analysis of how you arrived at the royalty rate.

11 THE WITNESS: I'm sorry, Your Honor, then I may have  
12 disconnected you. This is the basis for my royalty rate, and  
13 it is based upon these agreements having comparable  
14 technology. So BASF pays 1.4 percent when they start making  
15 product on those products, and because they're  
16 technologically comparable, that's kind of the market price  
17 of that technology. I think that BASF would end up paying  
18 1.4 percent, as well, to the owner of this --

19 THE COURT: Well, I mean, Cargill is going to pay  
20 1.4 percent to the owners of the patent, but you're saying  
21 that BASF, out of their share of the revenues from sales, is  
22 going to pay 1.4 percent. Is there any reason why those two  
23 numbers are the same?

24 THE WITNESS: Yeah, interesting. That's a good  
25 point. I don't believe that it would just be on BASF's 40

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1 percent take from the BASF/Cargill.

2 THE COURT: No, I don't think it's going to be on  
3 their take. I said they have to pay it out of their take.

4 THE WITNESS: Yes. Yes.

5 THE COURT: They're going to pay 1.4 percent of the  
6 sales out of their take.

7 THE WITNESS: I --

8 THE COURT: I mean, that doesn't mean that they pay  
9 1.4 percent of their take.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes. Okay. Sorry, Your Honor, I  
11 misunderstood, but you're right. I think we're saying the  
12 same thing; that is, 1.4 percent of a Cargill sale of \$100,  
13 whatever that is, that's \$1.40 that's going to be paid by  
14 BASF to these individuals. I assume it's going to be BASF,  
15 but, more importantly, it's 1.4 percent that the infringed  
16 patent owner will get 1.4 percent, plus an upfront of 1.235  
17 million.

18 THE COURT: Well, I'm not clear on one thing. So  
19 the way you came up with your running royalty is you're, in  
20 effect, saying that they've got to pay the same thing to the  
21 patent owners as they paid to their collaborators?

22 THE WITNESS: That's correct. It's using the market  
23 approach to valuing intellectual property. It's kind of like  
24 the comparable approach.

25 THE COURT: Well, how does that -- I mean, these --

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1 their collaborators didn't suffer any damages, and they're  
2 getting 1.4 percent even though they didn't suffer any  
3 damages.

4 THE WITNESS: That's an excellent point, Your Honor.  
5 So -- sorry.

6 THE COURT: So it seems to me that part of the  
7 damages suffered by the patent owners is not included in your  
8 formula.

9 THE WITNESS: Well, if I could, there's two  
10 adjustments I make that would have increased this royalty  
11 rate to the owners of the infringed patents, and then there  
12 are two influences that would have decreased the rate as  
13 compared to what these collaboration agreements have.

14 The two increases are exactly that, that they now  
15 have been found to be infringed. So that rate -- any of the  
16 intellectual property in these agreements have not found to  
17 be infringed or, you know -- a subset of infringement and  
18 validity, so it's an upward.

19 The other upward influence is competition. So while  
20 I don't think it's as head to head as Mr. Jarosz believes, in  
21 terms of these two companies, I think there's some level of  
22 competition so that would have an upward influence because  
23 there's no competition with these collaborators and BASF. So  
24 both of those had to go up.

25 On the flip side, there's two downward influences.

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1 One is for -- on any of these agreements, BASF got rights to  
2 more intellectual property than just the specific patents  
3 that were used in the BASF elite event for the enzymes, the  
4 desaturases, et cetera.

5 So they got -- BASF got more rights. So when you  
6 compare that to BASF only getting rights to the infringed  
7 patents, that should have a downward influence on this rate.  
8 The second downward influence -- these are all exclusive  
9 rights to BASF --

10 THE COURT: Well, if they had the patents, they  
11 wouldn't have needed the collaborators.

12 THE WITNESS: If who had had the patents, Your  
13 Honor?

14 THE COURT: If BASF had owned the patents, they  
15 wouldn't have needed any collaborators.

16 THE WITNESS: Arguably, I can see that. In other  
17 words, if BASF had the infringed patents, they would --  
18 they -- I'm not sure whether they would have gone out and  
19 collaborated with these other folks. It seems like they do a  
20 lot of things, but it could be -- that could be the scenario,  
21 sure, but in which case they would be paying -- BASF would  
22 have saved money, right. They would have paid the 1.4  
23 percent to the owner of these patents, based upon this  
24 comparables approach, and they wouldn't have to pay this to  
25 these other collaborators.



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1           THE COURT: Well, that's one way of looking at it.  
2           What is the other downward factor?

3           THE WITNESS: The other downward factor is BASF got  
4 exclusive rights to these -- any intellectual property in  
5 these agreements, and here BASF doesn't get exclusive rights  
6 to the infringed patents.

7           THE COURT: They don't get exclusive rights?

8           THE WITNESS: No, they do not, not in the asserted  
9 patents. CSIRO is free to go out and try to license other  
10 folks with these patents.

11          THE COURT: So you're assuming that they wouldn't  
12 get exclusive rights?

13          THE WITNESS: I am assuming that they would not get  
14 exclusive rights. That's fair.

15          THE COURT: Well, I don't know what value there is  
16 to that -- to the patent owner, because -- well, I don't know  
17 how long it would take some third party to get to produce  
18 anything before the patents expire.

19          THE WITNESS: Yes. Yeah, I think it's an excellent  
20 point, Your Honor. There's not much value there for CSIRO  
21 retaining rights to be able to license somebody else.

22          THE COURT: All right.

23          MS. SHAW: May I continue, Your Honor?

24          THE COURT: Well, how much longer are you going to  
25 be?

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1           MS. SHAW: I think you've done a great deal of my  
2 job for me, Your Honor. So I think it will just be -- it's  
3 going to be less than ten minutes.

4           THE COURT: All right.

5 BY MS. SHAW:

6 Q. I did want to talk to you a little bit about something  
7 about the Hamburg agreement.

8           I believe you said that you received the document in  
9 German before you issued your report; is that correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And you don't speak German, do you?

12 A. I do not.

13 Q. So how did you know what the terms of the Hamburg  
14 agreement were?

15 A. I had a colleague of mine who is German, German native,  
16 and he reviewed the compensation section of the agreement.  
17 Again, Dr. Andre had kind of explained to me the '228 patent  
18 and had emerged from that collaboration, so I knew generally  
19 what the agreement was about, but I had him interpret the  
20 compensation part of the agreement.

21           Unfortunately, he did not pick up on the fact that  
22 it was a payment per annum for the three-year term of the  
23 agreement. So originally I thought it was a one-time payment  
24 of around \$400,000 and it turned out that, once I got the  
25 English translation, it was three times that, because it was

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1 an annual payment so I adjusted my rate accordingly.

2 Q. And does the 1.235 million as the upfront payment in your  
3 ongoing royalty reflect that adjustment?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. So I believe you said that the '228 patent comes out of  
6 the Hamburg agreement?

7 A. That's my understanding, yes.

8 Q. And what is that understanding from?

9 A. That comes from Dr. Andre.

10 Q. Okay. Let's take a look at PX-532. Can you identify  
11 this document?

12 A. Yes. This is the agreement between BASF and the  
13 University of York, also known as Amaethon.

14 Q. Do you have an opinion as to whether this agreement is  
15 economically comparable to the hypothetical negotiation?

16 A. I believe that it is, yes.

17 Q. And what did BASF pay under this agreement?

18 A. BASF agreed to pay some minimal amounts of upfront fees  
19 for researchers, if I recall correctly, but then also agreed  
20 to pay a .4 percent rate on the commercial sales of any  
21 product that emerged from the use here.

22 Q. And what did BASF receive in exchange for that payment?

23 A. They received, I believe, a number of intellectual  
24 property, some patent applications, including one in  
25 particular. It was a patent application that had relevance

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1 to the elite event.

2 Q. Okay. If you could, turn to Annex I, which is at BASF  
3 197251 of PX-532. Can you tell us what you see there?

4 A. Yes. These are -- this is attached to the Amaethon  
5 agreement with BASF, and this lists out the intellectual  
6 property rights that BASF got access to by virtue of signing  
7 this agreement and committing to pay a .4 percent royalty  
8 rate in the future.

9 Q. And do you know what's identified there in Section B?

10 A. Section B is a patent application that I looked at and  
11 reviewed and identified another patent application that  
12 was -- I had Dr. Murphy take a look at, and that's one of the  
13 patent applications and/or patents that he looked at and  
14 tracked that to the elite event.

15 Q. Could you take a look at PX-416?

16 Can you identify what you see here?

17 A. Yes. This is the patent application, the '921 patent  
18 application that Dr. Murphy analyzed for technological  
19 comparability and identified as tracking to particular  
20 desaturases and enzymes within the elite event.

21 Q. How do you know that the '921 patent publication resulted  
22 from the Amaethon license?

23 A. I used a tool I often use in any valuation work -- it's  
24 pretty simple -- Google patents, and you can input either a  
25 patent application or a patent number, and it allows you to

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1 see what patents emerged from a particular patent  
2 application. Sometimes there's divisional patents,  
3 et cetera.

4 You can also find out, you know, cites, citations,  
5 and going back and looking at other patents. I didn't really  
6 use that for this purpose, but I often use this tool to help  
7 private equity companies. If they want to figure out, just  
8 from a high level, who's patenting in this space, we're going  
9 to buy this company that has this patent application, who  
10 else has cited to that patent application, and should we go  
11 look at that company to maybe buy them?

12 It's just a tool I use fairly regularly in my work,  
13 and I identified, via that tool, this particular patent  
14 publication, and then, working with counsel, as well,  
15 provided that patent publication to Dr. Murphy to review.

16 Q. Could you take a look at JX-65, and could you turn to the  
17 page BASF 15753.

18 Can you identify this document?

19 A. Yes. This is a document that's embedded within the  
20 BASF/Cargill commercial agreement, and it is the Bioriginal  
21 license agreement between BASF and Bioriginal.

22 Q. Is this agreement economically comparable to the  
23 hypothetical negotiation?

24 A. It is. It involves the same products at issue, the  
25 royalties going to be paid on a commercialized product down

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1 the road, and, of course, the technological comparability was  
2 assessed by Dr. Murphy.

3 Q. And what did BASF pay under this agreement?

4 A. BASF -- they haven't paid anything, because there's been  
5 no sales, but BASF agreed to pay 2 percent on the end product  
6 of Cargill. However, there's what is called a royalty  
7 stacking clause in this agreement; whereby, if BASF has to  
8 end up paying royalties to some other entity, that that  
9 royalty rate will be reduced from 2 percent down to 1  
10 percent, essentially. And so my takeaway from this is 1  
11 percent, because BASF sounds like they're going to have to  
12 end up paying a royalty to the asserted patent owner in this  
13 case, and there's a reduction that occurs.

14 So that's called -- they don't quite know all the  
15 technology they need, a company, so they say, If we have to  
16 pay somebody else, your royalty rate is going to go down.

17 Q. And what rights did BASF receive under this agreement?

18 A. A fair amount of patent applications, if I remember  
19 correctly, and what emerged from those patent applications  
20 were two -- more than two issued patents, but two in  
21 particular were relevant. Let's see if I'm good enough to  
22 remember. The '436 and the '492, I believe.

23 Q. And how did you determine that those resulted from this  
24 license?

25 A. I determined that, again, looking at all the different

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1 patent applications that were identified in this agreement, I  
2 did a Google patent search, and checked that with counsel for  
3 BASF and Cargill, and then provided a subset of those to  
4 Dr. Murphy to look at and review for technological  
5 comparability.

6 Q. Could we put up PX-927 and PX-417 side by side.

7 This is the '432 and '469 patents. Are these the  
8 patents that you identified coming out of this agreement?

9 A. Yes. Again, there was other intellectual property that  
10 was licensed to BASF, but these specific patents were of  
11 particular interest, based upon Dr. Murphy's work. And I  
12 bought the patent numbers wrong. It was '432 and '469.

13 Q. And so, in sum, out of these agreements, the Hamburg  
14 agreement, the Amaethon agreement, and the Bioriginal  
15 argument, how many patents and patent applications came out  
16 of it?

17 A. Out of the Bioriginal agreement?

18 Q. Out of the patents that you identified, how many patents  
19 did you identify as relevant for your analysis coming out of  
20 those agreements?

21 A. One was a patent application with the University of York,  
22 and then there were three others.

23 Q. Three patents?

24 A. Three patents. Sorry.

25 Q. And was that the '228 patent, the '432 patent, and the

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1 '469 patent?

2 A. That's correct.

3 Q. Okay. Now, Mr. Napper, you do not have a technical  
4 degree, do you?

5 A. I do not.

6 Q. So how are you able to assess the technological  
7 comparability of the technology in these agreements?

8 A. As I often do in these matters, I look to the technical  
9 experts, who have that background, and I ask them to perform  
10 a technological comparability analysis and to provide that to  
11 me so that I am assured that they have technological  
12 comparability.

13 Q. Do you have an understanding of whether the patents, the  
14 three patents and patent application we discussed, are  
15 technologically comparable to the Group A patents?

16 A. That's my understanding of Dr. Murphy's -- the conclusion  
17 of his analysis; that they are technologically comparable and  
18 actually track to much of the enzymes, as well as the  
19 Acyl-CoA and the bifunctional enzyme within the BASF elite  
20 event.

21 Q. And could we look at PDX-625?

22 Can you describe this again to us and tell us how  
23 this compares to your proposed royalty rate?

24 THE COURT: He's already done that.

25 MS. SHAW: Okay. Your Honor, then I pass the



1 witness.

2 THE COURT: All right. When we interrupt somebody's  
3 testimony in the middle, so to speak, my instructions to the  
4 witness are that you cannot discuss your further testimony  
5 with anyone, attorneys or otherwise, nor should you consult  
6 any other source of information. The idea is that you will  
7 return to the stand with exactly the knowledge that you have  
8 right now when you leave it and not try to further educate  
9 yourself about further testimony.

10 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor. I understand.

11 THE COURT: You can step down.

12 THE WITNESS: Thank you. Have a good evening.

13 (The witness stepped down.)

14 THE COURT: All right, counsel. Is there anything  
15 before we adjourn?

16 MS. SHAW: Nothing from us, Your Honor.

17 MR. SUNG: No, Your Honor. Nothing.

18 THE COURT: All right. Well, I'll see you tomorrow  
19 morning at 10:00.

20 (Proceedings adjourned at 5:47 p.m.)

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I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript  
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